Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3.2 Home Support Question No: SQ15-000281

Topic: Commonwealth Home Support Program

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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

Provide details of those providers whose funding had been extended from 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015, including details of the current funding program (e.g., HACC, DTC, etc.), the location of the service, etc.

Please provide details of any providers whose funding has NOT been extended, including details of the current funding program, location of the service, and reason for not extending.

Answer:

On the 18 December 2014 the Government announced that two years of funding would be offered to the majority of service providers with contracts under existing programmes that will form the CHSP. These programmes include Commonwealth HACC, National Respite for Carers, Day Therapy Centres and Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged.

284 providers funded for Assessment, Case Management and Client Care Coordination services under Service Group 2 will cease to receive that funding from 1 July 2015, as these services will be undertaken by the My Aged Care Regional Assessment Centres. Of these, 152 service providers have subsequently had all or part of this funding reclassified into other service types and will form part of their ongoing funding.

A further 365 providers funded for non-outputs (sector support) and Counselling/Support, Information and Advocacy (CSIA) under Service Group 2 have been informed they will receive continued funding until 31 October 2015 while these service types are reviewed.

As grant agreements are still being prepared by the Department, we are unable to provide a list of providers who will receive funding from 1 July 2015 to 31 October 2015 nor those that will not been offered extensions.