

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

Topic: Grandparent Advisers

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Senator: Moore

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Question:

Senator MOORE: One relates to the grandparent carers report and the government response to it, which came out two weeks ago. The government response mentioned the extension of the Department of Human Services-Centrelink grandparents advisers program, which received very positive commentary during the inquiry we were involved in.

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Senator MOORE: One of the things we did find was that, whilst the personnel who were employed in the existing network were outstanding—the evidence that they gave and their knowledge was deeply impressive—we felt that perhaps the evaluation could be extended to their response. If we could get a little bit of information about the evaluation of how effective the network and its personnel were, as well as the out years of the funding for the extension. I will put those all on notice.

Answer:

The department will, in consultation with the Department of Social Services, evaluate the delivery of the expanded Grandparent Adviser Programme trial prior to its completion in June 2017.

The expanded Grandparent Adviser Programme will run until the end of the 2016-17 Financial Year.