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Senator Siewert asked:

What was the actual attendance of the 14 grant information sessions that were held across the country with the last one held on the 6 June.

Answer:

Following the announcement of the Department of Social Services' new grant programme arrangements at Budget, information sessions were held around the country for interested service providers. The sessions were held over two weeks (26 May to 6 June 2014) and 1,798 people attended.

To ensure there was no disadvantage for those who could not attend an information session in person, the presentation used during the sessions and fact sheets available for attendees were published on the DSS website (27 May and 13 May respectively). In addition, all questions asked during the information sessions were published on the website in a series of Questions and Answers that was progressively updated as the information sessions were rolled out.