

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Social Services Portfolio
2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2

Question No: 790

Topic: Stronger Relationships Trial

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Senator Brown asked:

How will this policy be administered?

- a. Which sorts of organisations will be contracted to deliver it?
- b. When will it be tendered?
- c. How do you apply?
- d. Is there criteria for who is eligible? Can the department provide a copy of those criteria?

Answer:

- a) To be eligible, providers must be either:
 - an existing Family and Relationship Services Provider under the former Family Support Program, or
 - a not-for-profit provider who already provides relationship education and/or counselling to at least 100 couples per year.
- b) The application process opened to all service providers on 19 June 2014.
- c) Service providers can apply online at www.dss.gov.au/strongerrelationships.
- d) Refer to Answer a) above.