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Senator Siewert asked:

Was there consideration of consulting organisations to see if their needs had changed and if needs of emergency relief providers are being met by the funding?

Answer:

As part of business as usual the Department regularly engages with service providers and relevant peak bodies. This occurs via a range of mechanisms, including direct contact between Grant Agreement Managers and service providers; and analysis of service provider reports, which includes customer numbers.