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2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Carers Australia

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Funding breakdown of Carers Australia's operational and program funding – both in 2016-17 and over the forward estimates.

Answer:

Department of Social Security grant agreements do not usually differentiate between operational and program funding. For payments to Carers Australia:

- Carers Peak Body funding is operational;
- Young Carer Bursary Program funding is separated into operational and program; and
- Financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20 are still being finalised.

	(GST exclusive)	Future Funding (GST and SACS exclusive)
DSS Funding to Carers Australia (GST exclusive) (as at 30 June 2017)	2016-17	2017-18
Better Start Early Days Workshops	\$187,500	\$187,500
Better Start for Children with Disability Program (Better Start) – Registration & Information Service (RIS)	\$1,500,576	\$1,350,518
Carer Information and Support Service	\$4,010,092	\$4,010,092
Carers Peak Body Funding (Operational)	\$418,000	\$418,000
Carers Week	\$208,142	\$104,000
Mental Health Respite – Carer Support	\$516,789	\$415,558
National Carer Counselling Program	\$4,949,628	\$4,949,628
NDIS Sector Development Fund – Carer Capacity Building	\$200,000	-
Young Carer Bursary Program - Total	\$1,203,800	\$1,203,800
(Operational)	(\$203,800)	(\$203,800)
(Program)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)
Young Carers Respite & Information Services Program	\$611,852	\$612,000
7th International Carers Conference Sponsorship (as at June 2017)	\$40,000	-
Total DSS Funding to Carers Australia (GST exclusive) 2016-17	\$13,846,379	\$13,251,096