

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers      Question No: SQ17-000336**

**Topic: Disability and Carer Service Improvement and Sector Support Program**

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**Senator Carol Brown asked:**

According to the DSS website, DSS may negotiate grant agreements up to and including a five year term, based on the grant purpose, degree of risk and priorities for funding. Will the Department be allocating funding to Peak Disability Organisations on a multi-year basis so they have the security and stability to plan and operate in the most effective and efficient way?

**Answer:**

This is yet to be decided.