

**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: SQ17-000473**

**Topic: Carers**

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**Senator Carol Brown asked:**

Can you provide an update on the development and implementation of the Integrated Plan for Carer Support Services, has the advisory group delivered their final Service Concept and proposed service delivery model to Government?

- a) If so, when was this provided to the Government?
- b) If not, when will it be delivered?

**Answer:**

a) The development of the draft Service Concept and draft Service Delivery Model included consultation with the Carer Gateway Advisory Group.

The draft Service Concept for the design of a new integrated carer support service system underwent public consultation from 2 May to 16 June 2016. A summary report on the Public Consultation was provided to Government in August 2016 and is available at [www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers/programmes-services/for-carers/integrated-plan-for-carer-support-services](http://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers/programmes-services/for-carers/integrated-plan-for-carer-support-services).

The draft Service Delivery Model was provided to Government in October 2016 and was released for public consultation on 6 November until 16 December 2016. A summary report on the Public Consultation was provided to Government in March 2017 and is available at <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers/programmes-services/for-carers/integrated-plan-for-carer-support-services>.

b) N/A.