

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

**Outcome Number: 1.10 Working Age Payments**

**Question No: SQ17-000491**

**Topic: Try, Test and Learn Fund**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert asked:**

Can the Department provide an update of the Procurement Process as a result of the Try, Test and Learn Fund?

What is the process that the Department will use to recruit and contract organisations to implement projects that are to be funded through Try Test and Learn?

**Answer:**

Final project selections for the Try, Test and Learn Fund (TTL Fund) will be made by the Minister for Social Services in consultation with the Prime Minister, the Minister for Finance and the Treasurer.

After the Department has received approval for the project proposals it will select the most appropriate organisations to implement the endorsed policy responses.

This could be through direct, restricted or open grant processes. Direct grants may be made in cases where an idea proponent is a clear candidate to deliver the program. In cases where this is not possible a restricted or open process will be used.

The timing of an announcement of projects, including trial sites and delivery partners is a matter for Government.