

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 and 19 October 2012**

**Question: E12-060**

**OUTCOME 1: Population Health**

**Topic:** SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE DELIVERY GRANTS FUND AND THE NGOTGP

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**Senator:** Senator Siewert

**Question:**

With regards to the Women's Health Works 'Village Program', is it correct that the project could not be funded to operate in the Northern Suburbs of Perth using program funds provided to Women Health and Family Services?  
If yes, please state why this is the case.

**Answer:**

The recent funding rounds for both the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund and Non Government Organisation Treatment Grants Program were oversubscribed and it was not possible to fund all applicants. Of the 526 applications received, only those that were assessed as highly suitable (187) were shortlisted for funding. In order to ensure service delivery gaps were not created through the funding rounds, the Department of Health and Ageing carefully assessed the services provided by existing service providers and, as a result, 81 projects were also extended for a further three years to ensure service continuity for local communities.

The Women's Health and Family Services application proposed to extend their existing service to include the services offered by Women's Healthworks, the 'Village Program'. However, this application was not shortlisted. As an existing service provider, Women's Health and Family Services was funded to continue their existing services to ensure that no service delivery gaps were created.