

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: SQ16-000313

Topic: Program Funding

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Can the Department advise which funding programs are due to cease in June 2017?

- a) When will a decision be made on whether these programs will be funded beyond June 2017?
- b) What advice has been provided to those providers/clients likely to be impacted by cessation of any services?
- c) Has any evaluation been done on the programs and services due to cease as to their effectiveness/success?
- d) What bearing does the evaluation of programs have on the decision on whether to continue funding?

Answer:

As at August 2016, the following activities have grant agreements with an end date of 30 June 2017.

The ceasing grant activities include:

- one-off grants or trial projects,
- time-limited projects;
- programs that will have no further budget allocation; and
- those with corresponding processes, such as reviews and evaluations, to be undertaken prior to agreements expiring.

DSS Outcome 2 – Families and Communities

Broadband for Seniors

Building Safe Communities for Women

Children and Parent Support Services

Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability

Commonwealth Financial Counselling and Financial Capability - Capability Building

Community Development and Participation

Diversity and Social Cohesion

Families and Communities Service Improvement Activity

Family and Relationship Services

Financial Counselling and Capability and Resilience

Financial Counselling Helpline

Financial Counselling, Capability and Resilience in Income Management Trial Site Locations

Financial Crisis and Material Aid - Emergency Relief

Financial Crisis and Material Aid - Food Relief

Financial Resilience

Forced Adoption Support Services

Gender Equality for Women: National Centre of Excellence Special Account

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Home Energy Saver Scheme
Intensive Family Support Services
National Community Attitude Survey
National Find and Connect
National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020
National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022
National Secretariat
Other Services - Services for Other Entities and Trust Moneys
Problem Gambling
Reconnect
Royal Commission - Interim Support Services
Settlement Grants
Settlement Grants Community Development Projects
Settlement Services - Settlement Peak Bodies
Settlement Services Youth Transition Support
The Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia
Volunteer Grants
Volunteer Management Program
Women's Safety Agenda

DSS Outcome 3 – Disability and Carers

A Better Start for Children with Disability - Education and Support
A Better Start for Children with Disability - Education and Support
Australian Disability Enterprises Business Improvement
Autism Spectrum Disorder Early Intervention
Autism Spectrum Disorder Playgroups
Better Start for Children with Disability
Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative Early Intervention Services
Building Community Capacity and Engagement
Building Disability Sector Capacity and Service Provider Readiness
Carer Information Support Service
Carers Peak Body Funding
Carers week
Childhood Autism Advisors
Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres
Community Mental Health - A Better Life
Community Mental Health - Carers and Work
Community Mental Health, Early Intervention for Children, Young People and their Families
Consumer Directed Respite Care
Counselling, Support, Information and Advocacy
Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund
Dementia Education and Training for Carers (DETC) Programme
Disability Advocacy
Disability Care Merits Review
Disability Employment Assistance - Temporary Viability Support (Crisis Intervention)
Disability Information Services
Disability Support Activities

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Expansion and Diversification of the Workforce
Family Mental Health Support Services

DSS Outcome 3 – Disability and Carers

Helping Children with Autism Workshops
Increasing Individual Capacity and Developing New Forms of Support
Mental Health Respite: Carer Support
National Carer Counselling Programme
National Disability Advocacy Program
National Plan for Carers
National Secretariat Funding
New Wage Tool for use in Australian Disability Enterprises
Personal Helpers and Mentors Program
Postal Concessions for the Blind
Sector Development - Disability Representative Organisations
Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund
Supporting Participation by Representatives of People with Disability in Key International Forums on Human Rights
Targeted Community Care Mental Health Respite: Carer Support New Measures 2012-14
Targeted Community Care Personal Helpers and Mentors Expansion New Measures 2012-14
Targeted Community Care Personal Helpers and Mentors New Measures 2012-14 PHaMs Employment

DSS Outcome 4 – Housing

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

- a) Decisions regarding funding are a matter for Government.
- b) The Department is aware of the need to provide organisations with notice about future funding decisions. The Department currently engages in regular communication with providers through service forums, regular grant management activities and online communications.
- c) The Department's approach to evaluation is not linked the length of funding agreements or a specific funded activity. The Department takes a systemic approach and uses an evaluation framework which focuses on the impact of departmental policies and programs on the lifetime wellbeing of people and families in Australia.

A program performance review considers where a program is performing at the optimal level and where there is scope to improve efficiency and cost effectiveness.

- d) The Department takes into account a range of issues when considering future funding including whether a service provider has met its requirements of the funding agreement.

The Department's approach to continue funding is not linked to the length of the funding agreement and considers where there is scope to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the program.