Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period that are considered renewals of existing grant contracts, how many service providers had grant funding renewed more than three months prior to existing funding ending?

Answer:

Funding agreements are for a fixed period and have a specified end date. If an organisation is funded after the specified end date, it is considered a new agreement.

New agreements could be: for the same activity, in the same location; the same activity, in a new location; or a new activity.

To provide further analysis would require extensive manual effort and is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.