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Topic: Grandparent Peer Support Groups

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Senator Xenophon asked:

Will the department be working with existing community groups to ensure that the services offered by the Grandparent peer support groups are relevant?

Answer:

This model was recommended by Grandparents Australia.

The peer support group National Coordinator will be required to build and maintain good relationships and collaborations with all relevant stakeholders including Commonwealth, state and territory governments, local service providers and local grandparent organisations operating in MyTime for Grandparents peer support group locations, to ensure integrated services are provided to grandparent carers.

The timing and topics of the peer support group sessions are expected to be flexible and driven by participants' needs to maximise their participation and benefits from discussions.