

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.1 Disability, Mental Health and Carers Question No: SQ17-000103**

**Topic: DES Contract**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert asked:**

The current DES contract is due to expire in March 2018. You are obviously working on a tight time frame. Will all current providers be rolled over to ensure a smooth transition for providers and participants?

- a. If not, are you considering a partial roll over of current providers?
- b. What percentage of providers will be rolled over?

**Answer:**

The features of the program from 2018 onwards are subject to decision by Government, as are arrangements for implementing any changes to the program.