

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

Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities

Question No: SQ17-000174

Topic: Strengthening Communities Redesign

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Senator Jacinta Collins asked:

Regarding SQ16-000450:

- a) Who was shortlisted for the Stage 1 process and invited to participate in the co-design workshop on 10, 15 or 17 November 2016
- b) How many of those participants are existing providers and how many are new organisations wishing to be involved
- c) Can you explain if there is a reason behind any substantive change or lack thereof of the makeup of the organisations participating in the tender process compared to existing providers?
- d) Can you provide the information gathered from the co-design workshop that is informing the program redesign?
- e) In the previous Senate estimates you stated that Stage Two of the tender process would invite organisations shortlisted from Stage One to tender for the delivery of the Humanitarian Settlement Program in early 2017, where is that process at as of now? If there is a deviation from the timeline given can you please provide an explanation as to why there has been a delay or forwarding of that timeframe?

Answer:

- a) As this is an active procurement process, the Department is unable to disclose this information.
- b) Refer to answer a).
- c) Refer to answer a).
- d) An independent organisation was engaged to facilitate the co-design workshops. A report was provided to the Department summarising the discussions and outcomes from the workshops. The Department has used this report to inform the HSP design and the Stage Two Request for Tender requirements. The report has not been made publicly available as the HSP is currently the subject of an active procurement process.
- e) The Stage Two, Request for Tender (RFT), was released on AusTender on 14 March 2017. The RFT is a prequalified tender, open only to shortlisted respondents from the Stage One Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI).