

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Senator: Senator Fierravanti-Wells

Question:

In relation to the Community Visitors Scheme. At page 56 of the technical document I note that the scope of it will be expanded. How will that occur? It is clear that it is going to be expanded in terms of its application. Will that include expanding the organisations that participate in the scheme? I am obviously mostly interested in special needs groups and CALD communities, and broader engagement of organisations in that area.

Answer:

Expansion of the Community Visitors Scheme (the Scheme) through the *Living Longer Living Better* aged care reform package will occur through an open competitive grants round to be conducted in 2012-13, with successful tenderers to commence from 2013-14.

The increased funding will extend the Scheme to, among other things, target specific groups, including people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Currently funded organisations as well as other organisations wishing to participate in the scheme will be eligible to apply for funding.