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

2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

**Outcome Number: 5.1 Disability Mental Health and Carers Programme** 

**Question No: SQ15-000442** 

**Topic: Carers** 

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## **Senator Moore, Claire** asked:

How will the design of the National Carer Gateway take account of the fact that carers need access to a wide range of information and support services ranging from counselling and emotional support, access to respite, legal advice and financial assistance?

## **Answer:**

The national carer gateway will be designed to meet the information needs of all carers, regardless of who they care for. Research on carer needs is underway and the results will inform the design of the carer gateway.