

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 160

**Topic:** Autism advisers

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

When does their funding expire?

Has FaHCSIA been asked to cost any proposals to renew or to increase their funding?

**Answer:**

Autism Advisers are funded through funding agreements with Autism Associations. These funding agreements are for set periods. The initial funding agreements are due to expire on 30 June 2011. New agreements will commence 1 July 2011.

To date, FaHCSIA has not received any requests to increase the funding for Autism Advisors. No new proposals have been provided for costing.