

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities**

**Question No: SQ16-000362**

**Topic: Strengthening Communities Program**

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**Senator Louise Pratt** asked:

The DSS Grants Report of 30 September 2016 has the effective date for volunteer grants as 2 May, however the department advised in estimates in May 2016, the recommendations weren't made to Minister Porter until 4 May. What is the effective date for volunteer grants 2015-16?

**Answer:**

The effective date is defined as the date by which an activity could be funded from, as recorded in the Department's grants management system. For Volunteer Grants 2015-16, successful providers were notified from 18 May 2016 and all grant offers were executed by 28 June 2016.