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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

What analysis of community needs does DSS take in determining funding priorities in relation to grant applications so as to avoid service gaps?

Answer:

Analysis of community need varies depending on the program and its intended outcomes. The Department prioritises this using a range of information, including demographics, levels of disadvantage and identified need.

In most cases the prioritisation for funding is available in application information the Department makes available.