

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

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: SQ16-000375

Topic: Grants

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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

Since the 2014-15 grants process, have there been circumstances where a service provider has had a gap in funding between a previous contract ending and a new contract beginning? How many times has this occurred?

Answer:

Please refer to the response for SQ16-000371 which outlines the analysis to identify service gaps.

Funding agreements are for a fixed period and have a specified end date. Funding to address service gaps was provided to organisations in two ways, either:

- through variation to an existing agreement, or
- a new funding agreement.

Analysis of changes in funding from one funding period to another, across multiple funding rounds and by individual organisation, would require an extensive manual collection of information and is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.