

**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: SQ16-000386**

**Topic: Grants**

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**Senator Louise Pratt asked:**

In the 2014-15 budget, the government announced changes to the Department of Social Services' grants tendering processes, 'The New Way of Working for Grants', which amounted to a \$240 million cut over four years, with further cuts of \$30 million in the 14-15 forward estimates. These changes have caused contention in the community sector. Have there been any further cuts to these programs since the 2014-15 budget?

**Answer:**

There have been no further budget reductions in these programs since the 2014-15 Budget.