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Topic: Disability & Carers Policy

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Can the Department please outline the process and timeline for the review of funding for the peak disability groups?

- a) When will a decision be made on continued funding for these groups?
- b) What level of funding will be made available for individual advocacy beyond June 2017?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services has engaged an independent consultant to conduct a review of the new disability peaks funding model, funded under the Sector Development – Disability Representation Organisations Grant Activity. The Review will inform planning for grants selection processes from July 2017, when the current grant agreements expire. There has been no decision made on the levels of funding beyond June 2017.