Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 86

Topic: Cairns Mental Health Carers Support Hub

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

You acknowledge that continuity of service is an important component of the sort of services offered by this program, why then would the Department create such a climate of uncertainty about the future of the Hub program and its staff?

Answer:

Mental Illness Fellowship of North Queensland (MIFNQ) is funded to deliver wellways and respite services in North Queensland. Funding to trial the Hub was sourced from unspent funds held by MIFNQ.

The Department is currently working with Targeted Community Care (Mental Health) family and carer support service providers to put in place renewed funding agreements.