

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 329

Topic: Discretionary Grants Programmes

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Senator Moore asked:

1. What is the basis of this program review process, including timeframes and proposed outcomes?
2. What funded organisations have participated in the review?

Answer:

The Department's grant programmes are currently being considered internally to ensure the programme suite is more efficient and less duplicative. This process will support the Minister for Social Services' commitments to reduce red tape across the DSS grant funding streams; implement simpler funding arrangements, with one agreement with the Department per organisation; and reduce reporting requirements for organisations.

The Department is working through that process now and anticipates decisions regarding the shape and form of DSS grant programmes will be announced in the Budget context.