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Topic: Commonwealth Home Support Program

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Senator Polley, Helen asked:

Provide details of providers who have chosen not to renew funding extensions, including details of the current funding program that has ceased and location, along with information provided as to why.

How many of these providers are local Government bodies?

Answer:

The Government announced that two years of funding will be offered to the majority of current service providers with contracts under the existing programmes; Commonwealth HACC, National Respite for Carers, Day Therapy Centres and Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged; that will form the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) from 1 July 2015.

During the normal course of business the Department receives advice from providers of their intention to cease delivering services under these programmes and subsequently works with the sector to ensure ongoing service delivery. The Department is aware, that as at 31 March 2015, there were 47 service providers that indicated that they may not continue to deliver services under the CHSP from 1 July 2015. Fifteen of these service providers were local government bodies.

As grant agreements are still being prepared by the Department we are unable to provide details of all providers who have chosen not to renew funding extensions at this stage.