

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Stronger Relationships

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Senator Moore, Claire asked:

Is there anything in the contract about termination of contract or end of services? Is there a clause in that contract?

Answer:

The decision to cease registrations for the Stronger Relationships trial has not affected the grant agreements currently in place with service providers. The terms and conditions of the Stronger Relationships Grant Agreement will be honoured to 30 June 2015, as clients who registered for the Stronger Relationships trial will be able to use their subsidies with approved service providers until 30 June 2015.

All Department of Social Services Grant Agreements contain provisions for the termination of a contract. Clause 22.1 of the terms and conditions of the Stronger Relationships trial Grant Agreement provides: Even though you are not in default, we can terminate this Agreement, or reduce its scope, at any time by giving you written notice.