

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

**Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System**      **Question No: SQ15-000152**

**Topic: Community Support Programme Funding**

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**Senator Lines, Sue** asked:

What does a business case look like for exceptional circumstances with regards to CSP funding? Do you develop a template for people to use? And when you make decisions on that.

**Answer:**

Service operators who wish to apply for consideration under the Special Circumstances provisions of the Community Support Programme (CSP) Guidelines must submit a business case to the Department. There is no particular template because circumstances may vary depending on the care type and the issues raised. Services which enquire about special circumstances are sent the relevant criteria which they must address in order for their application to be considered.

Services can seek consideration of Special Circumstances at any time under the CSP guidelines. Applications are generally assessed and applicants advised of the outcome in 28 days.