

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

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

Is it correct to say that all organisations who were informed by letter that their applications had been successful were told that they could not speak to the media – or anyone – about the outcome of their application? What was the purpose of this gag?

Answer:

The letter provided to preferred providers between 22-24 December 2014 included the following statement:

To avoid confusion within the sector we would appreciate you treating this advice in confidence while negotiations of your funding offer take place and public announcements are made.