

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

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** SQ15-000233

**Topic:** DSS Grants Process

**Hansard page:** Written

**Senator Brown, Carol** asked:

Has any member of the department ever informed any of these organisations that there may be 'leftover' money available once all contracts have been signed, and that funding might be made available to organisations which had been cut?

**Answer:**

No. Statements made at the 2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings in October 2014 clarified that the Department would need capacity to go to second preferred providers if organisations declined their funding offer.