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Senator Moore asked:

At the Budget Estimates hearings in June 2014 it was stated that not all grants in the current funding round been recorded in the current FOFMS? If this is still the case, what grant programmes or grants could not? Is this issue of grants that cannot be recorded on FOFMS viewed as been serious? What arrangements are in place for ensuring that the grant recipients are kept informed of their responsibilities or changes in policy that affect them?

Answer:

With the exception of the Commonwealth Home and Community Care (HACC) programme, the Department now manages all grants through FOFMS. These grants are currently administered via the interim Grants Management System (iGMS).

HACC grants will transition to the Commonwealth Home Support programme (CHSP) and CHSP grants will be managed through FOFMS by November 2015.

Managing HACC Grants in the iGMS system is not considered an issue in terms of effective grants management. However, moving to a single grants management system (FOFMS) will improve administrative efficiencies.

Grant recipients are kept informed of their responsibilities or changes in policy that affect them by the DSS grant manager.