

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ16-000134

Topic: Sector Development Fund

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Senator Carol Brown asked:

Have you rejected any applications from state governments or agencies?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services has not rejected any applications for specific project funding from state governments or agencies that are consistent with the Sector Development Fund Strategy and Guidelines outcomes, which include:

- building community capacity and engagement;
- increasing individual support capacity and development of new forms of support to meet the needs of people with disability;
- building disability sector capacity and service provider readiness to manage the transition;
- assistance with the required expansion and diversification of the workforce; and
- building the evidence base.

Where state governments have requested an allocation of a proportion of the Sector Development Fund (SDF), they have been asked to provide detailed project proposals that will be considered for funding in line with the SDF guidelines. States agreed to the priorities outlined in the Market, Sector and Workforce Strategy and we anticipate the states will bring forward proposals that support those priorities.