

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

Outcome Number: 2.1 Families and Communities

Question No: SQ16-000183

Topic: Building Safe Communities for Women

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Senator Claire Moore asked:

Application for the \$4 million available under the Building Safe Communities for Women initiative closed on 27 August 2015. At the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 22 October 2015 the Department suggested that a decision may be made in early November: 'Dr Baxter: We anticipate it will be by November. We are hoping it will be announced in November'

- a. Can you advise when a decision will be made on these grants?
- b. Why was there an apparent delay of nearly four months (from October 2015 to February 2016) in obtaining ministerial approval?
- c. Can you give the number of grant applications that were received by state and territory?

Answer:

a). The successful applicants for the *Building Safe Communities for Women* grants were announced on 22 December 2015.

b). Over 500 organisations applied for the grants under the open competitive selection process. A rigorous selection process was undertaken taking into account hot spot locations, project diversity, mix of target groups, spread of projects across jurisdictions and a mix of city, regional and remote projects.

c). Number of grants applications that were received by state and territory

Application State	The state in which services were to be delivered (Application State). The data does not identify providers that applied to deliver services in multiple states.
ACT:	8
NSW:	173
NT:	14
Qld:	82
SA:	34
Tas:	19
Vic:	199
WA:	55
N/A: *	3 N/A indicates that the application form did not identify
Total:	Total: 587