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Question:

Does the department consider it acceptable for the National LGBTI Health Alliance to be informed of a final decision on their funding two months after the funding has ceased?

Answer:

The Department of Health advised the National LGBTI Health Alliance (LGBTI) on 20 November 2015 that its application for funding under the open competitive process for the new Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme was unsuccessful. This was before funding to LGBTI for secretariat support under the Flexible Fund – Health System Capacity Development Fund expired on 31 December 2015.

On 11 December 2015 LGBTI requested an independent review of the decision relating to its application. The results of the review were provided to the organisation on 2 February 2016.

LGBTI's application for funding under the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme was assessed in accordance with best practice against the following criteria:

- eligibility for funding;
- alignment of the organisation's objectives with those of the programme and the Australian Government's health agenda;
- the organisation's capacity to contribute to the objectives of the programme;
- the organisation's risk management plan;
- an outline of programme activities that the organisation will deliver and the expected outcomes of the grant funding; and
- the organisation's proposed budget.

The application was deemed unsuitable for funding on the basis that there was insufficient detail on the proposed activities, risk plan and budget.