

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Ludlam, Scott

Question:

I am wondering whether the government would consider funding a group like Emerge Australia to continue their work on improving the quality of life?

Answer:

The Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme has been established to fund community organisations for activities that support national secretariat functions, consultation with members on policy and programme issues, information sharing on health policy, and the provision of informed and impartial advice to the Australian Government.

As published in the *Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme Guidelines*, grant funding under the Programme will only be provided to peak bodies that are constituted for public purposes and represent national memberships. Some organisations can also form consortia to deliver activities. Emerge Australia would be eligible to apply for funding under any future funding round for the Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Programme. Any future funding rounds will most likely not occur until 2019.

Other funding opportunities may be made available under the range of programmes that will be established in 2016 as part of the consolidation of Health's Flexible Funds. The Department's Tenders and Grants web-page lists all current grants and provides a link to the AusTender site for all current tenders.