

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 323**

**Topic:** Respite Care

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator McKenzie** asked:

The Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation Respite Group's recent Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund application has been rejected.

Why was it rejected?

What were the criteria used to assess applications?

Have MASARG received any advice or support from the department about revising their application or alternative Federal Government funding options for them to consider?

**Answer:**

The Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation Respite Group's (MASARG) application did not rank as highly as other respite applications when assessed against the selection criteria.

Applications were assessed against nine technical selection criteria and were also assessed for value for money. The selection criteria are provided in the Program Guidelines *Part C: Application Information for the Supported Accommodation Innovation Fund (SAIF)* available on the FaHCSIA website <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/disability-and-carers/grants-funding/supported-accommodation-innovation-fund-saif-applications-closed>

The department wrote to all unsuccessful applicants and offered them the opportunity to obtain feedback on their applications. MASARG have not yet responded to this offer.