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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

When the Minister announced the \$40 million of funding for frontline services he also stated that “where there are other gaps where we need to work through, we will make the announcements in due course.”

- a) Is the Department continuing to actively examine gaps in frontline services?
- b) Has funding been held in reserve for grants to cover gaps which are identified going forward?

Answer:

The Department is continuing to monitor the impact of implementation of the 2014 grant selection processes through established reporting and engagement mechanisms, including the state and territory office network, peak bodies and other sector representatives to gather intelligence around emerging or unintended service gaps.

The Department will continue to work with the Department of Finance to secure funding to address further service gaps as they emerge.