

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

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**Senator Brown, Carol** asked:

Please provide a list of any external individuals or organisations that the Department consulted in undertaking the gap analysis of frontline services, including details on how and when the consultations were undertaken.

**Answer:**

The Department did not conduct formal consultation with external individuals or organisations while undertaking the service gap analysis.

The Department has had various discussions, including though the ongoing engagement of our state and territory offices, informing the service gap analysis with a range of stakeholders, particularly service providers and peak organisations (such as the Australian Council of Social Service, Family and Relationship Services Australia and UnitingCare).