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Topic: Aged Care Reforms

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What organisations have or will receive funding from the Department to help promote the aged care reforms and changes, and can the amount of funding provided to these organisations be provided along with the timeframe for this funding?

Answer:

There are currently no organisations receiving funding from the Department to directly promote the overall aged care reforms and changes. However, some organisations receive funding to support implementation of various aspects of the reforms.

COTA Australia

The Department currently has three funding agreements with COTA for Home Care Packages that provide for the following:

- Information and support for consumers with the transition to Consumer Directed Care, primarily through the *homearetoday* website and associated activities such as consumer capacity building projects, consumer checklists and peer education.
- In partnership with Leading Age Services Australia (LASA) and Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA), COTA is providing a range of support to home care providers to assist with the transition to CDC in relation to creating individualised budgets, business models and service re-orientation.
- An extension of both the above projects was provided to COTA until 30 June 2017 to continue to build and better target consumer support for the transition to CDC and also in partnership with LASA and ACSA, provide ongoing support tools for providers to reorientate their service delivery and business models to deliver CDC.

Consumer Directed Care Capacity Building Services	25 June 2013 to 30 June 2016	\$1,068,074
Controlling My Own Life – Making the Most of Consumer Directed Care (CDC)	25 June 2013 to 30 June 2016	\$1,014,250
Extension of Home Care Today – Building the capabilities of consumers and providers to successfully implement consumer directed home care services	1 March 2015 to 30 June 2017	\$1,711,916

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National Aged Care Alliance

The Department also provides funding to the National Aged Care Alliance (NACA) to support associated advisory groups for the implementation of the aged care changes as the principal consultative mechanism with the aged care sector.

The first agreement ran from August 2012 to 30 June 2015. A new agreement from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017 is currently being finalised.

Funding for NACA advisory group secretariat	10 August 2012 to 30 June 2015 (contract varied 4 March 2013)	\$1,412,595.45
Funding for NACA advisory group secretariat (new funding)	1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017	\$1,110,000.00

Healthdirect Australia

The Department will provide Healthdirect Australia \$1,113,000 (GST exclusive) to raise awareness of the My Aged Care brand from 15 April 2015 to 30 June 2016.

ACSA and LASA

Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA) and Leading Age Service Australia (LASA) were also provided with funding to work with the Department to conduct 47 regional workshops across the country to help CHSP providers prepare for the 1 July 2015 changes to My Aged Care.

- ACSA were paid a total of \$6,619.71.
- LASA were paid a total of \$12,362.36.