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Topic: Family Relationship Services

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

Are you able to tell me whether any of the Family Relationship Services for Humanitarian Entrants services were provided with funding at all? Did anyone that would have provided that service?

Answer:

Through the Department of Social Services (DSS) New Way of Working for Grants, Family Relationship Services for Humanitarian Entrants (FRSHE), as well as a number of other former programmes, were replaced by the new Children and Parenting Support (CaPS) Component.

Former clients of FRSHE services may receive support from organisations who are funded by DSS through other grants including CaPS, Family and Relationship Services (FaRS) and Settlement Services, and Diversity and Social Cohesion grants.

DSS grant agreements for all CaPS and FaRS providers state that: services will be provided to families, children, young people, volunteers, multicultural communities, humanitarian entrants, migrants, and other individuals with special circumstances.

All six former Family Relationship Services for Humanitarian Entrants (FRSHE) service providers are receiving DSS funding under one or more of the above activities, as well as other DSS funding.