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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Topic: Families and Children Grants Process

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Senator Brown asked:

Will all agreements offered as a result of the Families and Children Grants tender process be for 5 years?

Answer:

The Department is looking to provide funding certainty to service providers funded across our grant programmes.

As part of the current selection rounds, we are offering five year grant agreements to successful providers, where it is appropriate.

Appropriateness will be determined by risk. Some types of grants may not be suited to these longer term grants, such as those for:

- one-off, short term services;
- trials and pilot services; or
- higher risk services or service providers.

There may also be policy reasons to offer a different period, to align with other key milestones.