

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016, 21 October 2015**

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**OUTCOME:** 11 – Ageing and Aged Care

**Topic:** Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Polley, Helen

**Question:**

- a) Please outline what ACSIHAG / DACS funding rounds have been announced, including when they were announced, how much funding, including the time frame for funding, the future funding rounds and the anticipated time frame for announcement and program delivery, and outline how much funding remains across the forward estimates.
- b) Please provide a list of all successful applicants across the funding rounds, including a description of what the funding round was for, a description of what each provider was funded to deliver, the time frame, funding amount, and location by federal electorate / state

**Answer:**

a) and b)

Under the Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants (ACSIHAG) programme, the Department has funded three grants rounds, in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Funding timeframes for grants funded under those rounds varied due to applicants' project requirements.

For the list of grants funded under ACSIHAG Rounds 1 and 2, go to

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/pfps-grantsreporting>.

Grants funded under ACSIHAG Round 3 can be found at <https://www.dss.gov.au/about-the-department/overview/grants-funding>. Details of the locations and timeframes of these grants are also included at these links.

In the 2015-16 Budget, ACSIHAG has been redesigned and renamed as the Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund (DACs). DACs will better target support for emerging priorities, including people with dementia and those providing their care, as well as older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people; culturally and linguistically diverse communities; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people.

While the majority of DACs funding is devoted to ongoing service delivery there is some funding available for projects and allocated through funding rounds.

The first funding round for projects under the Dementia and Aged Care Services Fund (DACS) is expected to be held in the first half of 2016. The Department expects that funding agreements with successful organisations will be executed later in July 2016, with programme delivery commencing from the date of execution. The total amount of funding to be allocated to the first DACS funding round will be determined following finalisation of specific priorities for the funding round.

DACS funding in 2015-16 is fully committed. The availability across the forward estimates is as follows:

Year	2016-17 (\$m)	2017-18 (\$m)	2018-19 (\$m)
Allocation	88.714	72.045	72.035