

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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**Senator:** McLucas, Jan

**Question:**

Senator McLUCAS: In your answer to my QON 626, Mr Bowles, you told me: There are no programmes ceasing at the end of this financial year, though individual components may reach their natural end date. Can I have a list of those individual components that will reach their natural end date, please. I am going to get a name of an organisation out of you one day, Mr Bowles!

Mr Bowles: I could not possibly comment!

Senator McLUCAS: It is my challenge in life.

Mr Bowles: I will have to refresh my memory of the answer. I cannot give you an answer off the top of my head, at the moment.

Senator McLUCAS: Can you take that on notice, please.

Mr Bowles: Yes. What particular piece do you want on notice?

Senator McLUCAS: Can I have a list of those components that will reach their natural end date—and I am using your words because I am not quite sure—

Mr Bowles: That might end at the end of this year.

Senator McLUCAS: That will end at the end of the year.

Mr Bowles: We will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

All grants are publically reported on the Department of Health's website, in line with *Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines*. This report includes the Programme the grant is funded from, the grant participant (organisation), the grant purpose and key dates, and where there is a variation, the value of the variation and the value of the grant.

The Department's relationships with funded organisations are constantly moving through the various stages of the grant lifecycle, including negotiation, variation and the ongoing management of the grant. Across the Department's more than 13,000 grants, these changes are occurring daily. The Department's grant management system is not designed to track all the stages in the grant lifecycle in a manner that would accurately address the specifics of the question. To capture the information requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.