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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Grants - Community Services Advisory Group

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Senator Claire Moore asked:

Can you provide the Terms of Reference for the Community Services Advisory Group? And the process for selection. How was the selection of this particular group done?

Answer:

1. Can you provide the Terms of Reference for the Community Services Advisory Group?

There are no formal Terms of Reference for the Community Services Advisory Group however the Group's purpose is to leverage its advisory capacity for strategic sector issues relating to the Department's grants programmes. It is proposed the Group will work together and contribute to:

- enhancement of the Department's future grant processes
- priority setting, policy planning and approaches to contestability for the Department's programme suite
- development of the Department's data management system for grants through the DSS Data Exchange
- future programme redesign
- provision of the options for community sector capacity and support.

2. And the process for selection. How was the selection of this particular group done?

Ms Bruce provided a response to this question. Refer to Committee Hansard, page 14.