

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Question No: SQ15-000941**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes**

**Topic: Funding agreement**

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**Senator Claire Moore** asked:

How many organisations declined their funding offers?

Was the department aware of any delays in the commencement of services due to new establishments or providers?

**Answer:**

The Department does not routinely collect information from all funding processes about organisations that decline funding offers.

However, the 942 funding offers made through the 2014-15 funding round processes, eight funding offers were declined by service providers. Four of these offers were for project-based funding, and the other four offers were for frontline service delivery in specific coverage areas.

For each of the four declined offers relating to services in specific coverage areas, alternative service providers were identified as part of the Department's service gap analysis, with funding offered as part of that process.

The Department also established transitional arrangements, extending current contracts for existing providers of frontline services to allow additional time for services to establish and clients to transition between service providers.