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Topic: Try, Test and Learn Fund

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Please advise where and when consultations for the development of the Try, Test and Learn Fund are going to take place?

- a) Please advise how the invitation list for these consultations was developed?
- b) Will there be open invite consultations?
- c) If so, when and where will they be held?
- d) When and where will the outcomes of the consultations be available?

Answer:

On 21 October 2016, the Department of Social Services (DSS) ran two half-day consultation workshops in Sydney to seek stakeholder input on the design of the Try, Test and Learn Fund.

In addition, on 6 October 2016, state and territory governments, including officials from the Departments of the Premier and Cabinet, Treasury and relevant Community Services agencies, were consulted on the TTL Fund.

The Department is continuing to engage with stakeholders on the design of the Fund through a range of avenues including face-to-face meetings and teleconferences. A further meeting with state and territory officials is also planned in coming weeks.

- a) Participants were invited from existing DSS stakeholder data and from organisations or individuals who had expressed interest through direct contact with the Department and the Minister's Office and via the Investment Approach Mailbox. Participants were chosen to ensure a broad cross-section of participants and the 32 participants included large, medium and small service providers, academia, social enterprise, corporate sector, local council and social impact organisations.
- b) It is not intended at this stage to have open invite consultations.
- c) Not applicable at this stage.
- d) Workshop outcomes will be publicly available by the end of 2016.