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Senator Louise Pratt asked:

Of the grant contracts entered into over the 2015-16 budget period, how many could be characterised as new service providers?

Answer:

There is not a straight forward definition of a new service provider. New funding agreements that commenced 1 July 2015 include organisations previously funded but that may be for the same activity, in the same location or same activity, in a new location; or a new activity.

Funding that commenced 1 July 2015 could also include new organisations not previously funded by the department, or organisations that were funded by other parts of the department, that have subsequently moved to other administrative arrangements, or other agencies, as a result of machinery of government changes.

To provide further analysis would require extensive manual effort and is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.