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Question:

A number of organisations were due to lose funding in June of this year, were new agreements reached with all of these organisations prior to the Government going into caretaker?

If not can you please provide details of the organisations that had no agreement for further funding from June 2016.

Can you provide a list of all those organisations that reached new funding agreements, and the new duration of their contracts?

Answer:

Where continuity was required for activities with funding arrangements due to end at 30 June 2016, relevant approval for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) to offer funding extensions was gained prior to the caretaker period.

There are a number of reasons for contracts expiring throughout the year. These include:

- projects that are naturally ceasing projects, such as small one-off grants, grants for one-off capital projects, scholarships and projects that have been completed;
- organisations that are not delivering well may not be offered new funding or PM&C may need to spend time renegotiating with the organisation to re-scope project delivery methods to achieve critical outcomes;
- working with a community, PM&C may identify that a service or a particular outcome is no longer a priority so may not offer new funding arrangements; and
- an organisation may no longer choose or be able to continue to deliver a service. In this case PM&C may look at the other providers in the area and the footprint of the service delivery across the region for viable options to ensure continuity of the service.

New funding was offered to around 165 projects to continue their funding beyond June 2016. Details of these projects, including a description of the activity, the name of the recipient, the duration of the grant and the funding amount are all included in the grant information published on the PM&C website. The link to the website is <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/grants-and-funding/ias-grant-reporting>