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Senator Ian Macdonald asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

CHAIR: There used to be a group operating in Australia. I remember opening one of their offices. I think they were called Family Relationships Australia. Are they still funded by the government? They were a quasi-private organisation.

Mr Wilkins: I do not know.

CHAIR: Are they still funded? I guess that is the question I should ask about this.

Ms Harvey: I would have to perhaps have a look or take that on notice. I am not familiar with an organisation called family relationships Australia. -

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Family Services Australia was an industry body for the relationship services sector.

Family Services Australia ceased to exist in July 2007 with the establishment of Family and Relationship Services Australia (FRSA), a single industry representative body.

FRSA does not receive operational funding from the Attorney-General's Department.

It has received funding from the Attorney-General's Department from time to time for specific projects as well as financial sponsorship for its annual national conference.