

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**  
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**Question No. BE17-036**

**Senator Pratt asked the following question on 24 May 2017:**

Senator PRATT: What are the differences between the new direction and the Australian Intervention Support Hub?

Mr Carpay: Essentially, the Intervention Support Hub was an outsourced model—for want of a better descriptor. We are actually now going to build the hub ourselves so that we can house and contain it, and then use other sources of information to add to that ourselves.

Senator PRATT: Is that because the Australian Intervention Support Hub, as initially envisaged, did not meet its performance indicators as originally set out?

Mr Carpay: That is not how I would characterise what we are doing now, no.

Senator PRATT: How would you characterise it?

Mr Carpay: I think it has served its purpose, which was to do some initial work and engender some community understanding of issues. It now seems sensible for us to proceed based on that and build it for a longer term and sustainably. If we own it ourselves it is easier to operate and manage control, put it on a stable IT platform, control access and ownership et cetera.

Senator PRATT: Thank you. You might need to take this on notice. I am assuming that the directory of CVE services is public; is that right?

Mr Carpay: No, it is not. The reason for that is that many of the service providers have concerns about being known to be working in this field. It can impact on them in a number of ways, including a loss of contact within communities within which they are working, so it is not a public document or list.

Senator PRATT: So how do I ask you appropriately what services are in that list of services?

Mr Carpay: Can I take that on notice and come back to you with advice? I can tell you roughly the sorts of things that are there. It does involve a range of support, counselling, employment et cetera. There are a range of things there, but we can take on notice to give you an outline of the sorts of services that are available through that.

**The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:**

1. What services are in that list of services (CVE directory)?

The Directory of Intervention Support Services (the Directory) includes a range of community-based services to provide support relevant to the individual needs of those who may be at risk of radicalising to violent extremism. Services include counselling (inclusive of psychological, family and relationship, drug and alcohol support), mentoring, volunteering, education and training, employment services, financial management services, youth programs, religious mentoring and support, and sports and recreation programs.