



NGO Red Tape Reduction report - short term strategies implemented

Following the release of the *NGO Red Tape Reduction* report, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) has worked closely with other Department of Human Services (DHS) agencies (Community Services, Juvenile Justice and Housing NSW) and NSW Health to implement the short-term strategies.

DHS agencies will be implementing the short-term strategies outlined below by 30 April 2010, two months ahead of the Department of Premier and Cabinet recommended timeframe of July 2010.

Selecting

Introduction of a DHS standard grants funding application form that will have a consistent layout with common criteria and set word limits, reduction in the information requested by applicants and allow for electronic submission of applications.

Contracting

In future, the coverage and amount of insurance will be determined by service providers based on their assessment of risk. Attached is the ADHC Funding Agreement addendum to Clause 12 - Insurance. Service providers will only need to implement this clause when their current insurance policy expires. At that time, Service Providers may wish to review the NCOSS 'A Guide for Not For Profit Organisations' or contact NCOSS on 02 9211 2599 for support and advice.

Audited financial statements will only be required from organisations which are legally required to do so. Audit certificates will be accepted from any professional accounting or auditing body that meets Australian Auditing Standards. This advice will be reflected in the next Acquittal package that you receive.

ADHC funded service providers will receive a letter from the Chief Executive together with the addendum to Clause 12 of the Funding Agreement.

Any enquiries or clarification regarding the above information should be referred to your Performance, Quality and Improvement unit in respective regional offices.