

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for the Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000084

Topic: Child Care Services Support

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

With reference to the Program 1 Deliverables table on p34 of the PBS:

1. The number of child care services receiving sustainability assistance declined from 14-15 Budget across the forwards. Can the Department explain this change?
2. The number of services receiving establishment services also falls across the forwards. Can the department explain this change?
3. Can the department provide a state and territory breakdown of the number of services receiving sustainability assistance, establishment assistance and Budget Based Funding – and projections across the forwards?
4. Can the Department provide a breakdown of funding under the program including funding for community support, child care quality support, inclusion and professional support, program support and Budget Based Funding – and projections across the forwards?

Answer:

1. & 2. The estimated reduction in the number of services receiving sustainability assistance under the Community Support Programme (CSP) across the forward estimates is a result of the introduction of tightened eligibility for Family Day Care services.

3. **CSP Sustainability Assistance** – No of Services by state and territory (2014-15 financial year)

	NSW /ACT	QLD	WA	NT	SA	TAS	VIC
Total *	622	511	243	27	266	177	699

*Includes Long Day Care, Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care, In Home Care and Occasional Child Care

CSP Establishment Assistance – No of services by state and territory (a single payment received in 2014-15 financial year)

	NSW /ACT	QLD	WA	NT	SA	TAS	VIC
Total *	24	21	11	2	28	4	26

*Includes Family Day Care and Outside School Hours Care

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Budget Based Funding (BBF) Programme – No of services by state and territory 2014-15* financial year

	NSW	QLD	WA	NT	SA	ACT	TAS	VIC	Total
BBF services	38	72	28	107	39	0	6	14	304

*The BBF Programme is closed to new entrants and Funding Agreements are currently rolled over every 12 months.

The Department is unable to project the number of services by programme by state and territory over the forward estimates.

4. The table below provides a breakdown of funding under the Child Care Services Support Programme (CCSSP).

Outcome 2
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CCSSP Notional Allocations	2014-15 \$'000
Community Support	<i>\$304,272</i>
Inclusion and Professional Support	<i>\$100,802</i>
Programme Support	<i>\$27,412</i>
Quality Support Programme	<i>\$7,057</i>
CCSSP - Grand Total¹	<i>\$439,543</i>

1. Grand Total excludes programmes retained by Education and Training

The Department is unable to provide a breakdown by programme over the forward estimates.