

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System

Question No: SQ15-000154

Topic: Child Care

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

For each element of the program [Inclusion Support Agency, Specialist Equipment Support, Bicultural Support, Inclusion Support Subsidy], can the Department provide a breakdown of the data, for each of the last 5 years, by;

- a. age,
- b. state,
- c. electorate,
- d. type of care?

Can the Department also provide this information for the forward estimates?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Social Services does not have access to data by age for the Inclusion and Professional Support Program.
- b) Prior to the commencement of the current funding agreement period (1 January 2013), information for each programme element was not consolidated at the jurisdictional level. Tables 1 to 4 outline the allocation of funding for each programme element by state for the current funding agreement period.

Table 1: Inclusion Support Agency funding by state (\$)

| | 2012-13* | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| ACT | 284,045 | 576,043 | 585,260 | 594,039 |
| NSW | 4,620,407 | 9,581,471 | 9,520,108 | 9,662,910 |
| NT | 400,204 | 811,613 | 824,599 | 836,968 |
| QLD | 3,244,773 | 6,580,397 | 6,685,683 | 6,785,967 |
| SA | 1,055,891 | 2,141,346 | 2,175,607 | 2,208,240 |
| TAS | 343,062 | 695,730 | 706,863 | 717,466 |
| VIC | 3,229,580 | 6,338,305 | 6,654,384 | 6,754,200 |
| WA | 1,001,486 | 2,031,014 | 2,063,510 | 2,094,463 |
| Total | 14,179,448 | 28,755,919 | 29,216,014 | 29,654,253 |

*Funding from 1 January 2013

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Table 2: Specialist Equipment funding by state (\$)

| | 2012-13* | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| ACT | 2,774 | 5,626 | 5,716 | 5,802 |
| NSW | 29,240 | 59,299 | 60,248 | 61,152 |
| NT | 2,774 | 5,626 | 2,858 | 5,802 |
| QLD | 23,359 | 47,372 | 48,130 | 48,852 |
| SA | 16,201 | 32,856 | 33,382 | 33,883 |
| TAS | 2,774 | 5,626 | 5,716 | 5,802 |
| VIC | 25,412 | 51,536 | 52,361 | 53,146 |
| WA | 7,213 | 14,628 | 7,431 | 15,085 |
| Total | 109,747 | 222,569 | 215,842 | 229,524 |

*Funding from 1 January 2013

Table 3: Bicultural Support funding by state (\$)

| | 2012-13* | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ACT | 12,883 | 26,127 | 26,545 | 26,943 |
| NSW | 380,687 | 772,033 | 784,386 | 796,152 |
| NT | 58,336 | 118,305 | 60,099 | 122,001 |
| QLD | 277,782 | 563,342 | 572,355 | 580,940 |
| SA | 66,297 | 134,450 | 136,601 | 138,650 |
| TAS | 23,257 | 47,165 | 47,920 | 48,639 |
| VIC | 202,083 | 409,824 | 416,381 | 422,627 |
| WA | 160,502 | 325,498 | 165,353 | 335,667 |
| Total | 1,181,827 | 2,396,744 | 2,209,640 | 2,471,619 |

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The number of services with an Inclusion Support Subsidy (ISS) case, the number of children listed on an ISS case and the total amount of ISS paid by state is in Table 4.

Table 4: Inclusion Support Subsidy usage by state

| | 2012-13* | | | 2013-14 | | | 2014-15** | | |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Number of services | Number of children supported | ISS Paid Amount (\$) | Number of services | Number of children supported | ISS Paid Amount (\$) | Number of services | Number of children supported | ISS Paid Amount (\$) |
| ACT | 84 | 160 | 631,419 | 97 | 200 | 624,205 | 93 | 203 | 479,646 |
| NSW | 1,969 | 4,765 | 20,912,792 | 2,065 | 5,049 | 20,596,759 | 1,883 | 4,486 | 14,767,899 |
| NT | 53 | 118 | 608,445 | 56 | 107 | 414,942 | 44 | 96 | 278,422 |
| QLD | 1,038 | 2,131 | 7,990,246 | 1,053 | 2,228 | 8,239,210 | 959 | 1,924 | 5,452,748 |
| SA | 422 | 1,145 | 3,495,735 | 427 | 1,229 | 3,637,357 | 393 | 1,031 | 2,694,870 |
| TAS | 135 | 269 | 830,331 | 138 | 279 | 848,493 | 133 | 263 | 578,603 |
| VIC | 1,355 | 3,305 | 12,229,421 | 1,388 | 3,453 | 11,179,706 | 1,281 | 3,029 | 7,871,922 |
| WA | 364 | 664 | 2,596,976 | 384 | 631 | 2,084,648 | 316 | 538 | 1,517,816 |
| Total | 5,420 | 12,557 | 49,295,365 | 5,608 | 13,176 | 47,625,320 | 5,102 | 11,570 | 33,641,926 |

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- c) Data has been provided by state and territory. There is no correlation between IPSP provider boundaries, including ISA regions, and federal electorate divisions.

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d) The number of children listed on an ISS case, the number of services with an ISS case and the total amount paid by service type is in Table 5.

Table 5: Inclusion Support Subsidy usage by service type

| | 2012-13* | | | 2013-14 | | | 2014-15** | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Number of services | Number of children supported | ISS Paid Amount (\$) | Number of services | Number of children supported | ISS Paid Amount (\$) | Number of services | Number of children supported | ISS Paid Amount (\$) |
| Long day care | 3,678 | 7,848 | 36,844,092 | 3,787 | 8,278 | 35,783,737 | 3,398 | 7,251 | 25,451,663 |
| Family day care | 193 | 585 | 1,458,227 | 185 | 539 | 1,326,831 | 153 | 411 | 786,435 |
| In home care | 34 | 121 | 555,932 | 26 | 96 | 454,377 | 20 | 68 | 265,634 |
| Occasional care | 47 | 131 | 427,412 | 50 | 131 | 393,513 | 42 | 88 | 235,724 |
| Outside school hours care | 1,468 | 3,872 | 10,009,702 | 1,560 | 4,132 | 9,666,862 | 1,489 | 3,752 | 6,902,470 |
| Total | 5,420 | 12,557 | 49,295,365 | 5,608 | 13,176 | 47,625,320 | 5,102 | 11,570 | 33,641,926 |

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Forward years funding for the Inclusion and Professional Support Program is subject to government consideration of the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report into Childcare and Early Learning.

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