

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000178

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Capital support component of the Community Child Care Fund work

Question

How will the capital support component of the Community Child Care Fund work?

- a. Who will own the capital assets constructed with this money?
- b. Where will efforts to increase supply be targeted?
 - i. Areas of high cost – like the inner city?
 - ii. Areas with waiting lists?
 - iii. Areas of community need – like Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities?

Answer

Under the Capital Support element of the Community Child Care Fund, child care services operating in areas of high unmet demand will be able to apply for a grant to help fund capital infrastructure projects to increase the supply of child care in that area. Funding will be awarded based on the relative merit of each proposed project, with preference given to communities experiencing disadvantage.

- a. Generally, the owner of the property where the Capital Support project is implemented will become the owner of the funded asset. It is intended that a condition of funding will be that the funded asset is maintained for its intended purpose for an agreed time period.
- b. (parts i, ii and iii) Capital Support will target areas with demonstrated high unmet demand, with priority given to projects that will help disadvantaged, regional or remote communities, which is likely to include Indigenous communities.