

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. SQ16-000182

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000947

Nanny pilot program

Question

The original Q&A (see attached) for the nanny pilot program said:

Up to \$245.9 million² (GST exclusive) has been allocated for the Programme. This includes the subsidy amount, administrative payment to service providers and evaluation costs for the Programme.

- a. How much of the \$246 million was to go directly towards subsidies?
- b. How much was to go to service providers for administrative costs?
- c. How much was allocated for the review of the pilot?
- d. In relation to the revised funding allocation for the program, what revisions have been made to those broken down costs, ie how much will go towards subsidies, administrative costs and the review?
- e. Please provide an itemised breakdown of the \$246 million allocated for the pilot, and an itemised breakdown for the revised funding allocation.

Answer

- (a) The majority of the funding will be provided through the subsidy, however as this is demand driven the total for each year will depend on the amount of care requested by families, the number of children in each family and the subsidy rate for which each family is eligible (which depends on annual family income).
- (b) The administrative amount will be five per cent of the subsidy amount.
- (c) The allocation for the evaluation was included as part of the overall funding for the Nanny Pilot Programme.
- (d) There have been no revisions to the subsidy or administrative payments following the revised funding allocation due to lower demand for the pilot programme.
- (e) Refer to answer SQ16-000181