

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0291_15

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Question

CSP program

Senator LINES: You said this morning in answers to questions from Senator Hanson-Young that in the past you had had to top up the CSP program. When I asked you specifically where that money came from I think you said in response, 'We haven't had to top it up.' But now you are telling me— Ms Wilson: No, I did not, Senator. Just for the record, I said there was \$21.2 million in the last financial year and I would have to take on notice how that was found. Senator LINES: So you are now saying that some of these savings could indeed have gone to those programs? Ms Wilson: I am saying they were redirected to meet other pressures. We have used these bits to reduce the ask on government for the top-ups in things like CSP and JET. Senator LINES: I understand that. Can you tell me specifically where that has been redirected to? Ms Wilson: It is within the same program, 1.1. Given that JET and CSP are within 1.1, I cannot tell you this bit went to that; it is part of the— Senator LINES: That is what I want you to tell me. Ms Wilson: It is part of a—1.1. is part of an allocation. It is within that allocation and both of those are pressures in that allocation. Senator LINES: But can you tell me specifically where it went, which one it went to? Did bits go to both or— Ms Paul: We can take it on notice; that is fine, and if we can give you more detail we are absolutely happy to do so. Technically, if it is within the same program, the way a budget works is it just gets reallocated to the overall 1.1. But nonetheless we will take it on notice and see if we can track it further.

Answer

As indicated in the evidence provided at hearings, the department confirms that adjustments to individual elements within Programme 1.1 were redirected within the overall Programme 1.1 allocation.