

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

#### Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000774

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 06 May 2016, Proof Hansard page 130

#### *Quality Support*

##### Question

Senator LINES: So what is the quality support?

Ms J Wilson: I will see if I have got someone who can answer that question. We have a range of money we use to provide support for quality in terms of services but we also provide a contribution to ACECQA for its regulatory responsibilities. We make a contribution and each of the states and territories make a contribution. We pay about half and the states split the difference between them so that is largely the component for our contribution to ACECQA.

Senator LINES: What is the essential component?

Ms J Wilson: I do not have that information with me on this spreadsheet but I can take it on notice.

Senator LINES: The rest of the funds which are not for ACECQA, what are they for exactly?

Mr Palmer: We would have to take that on notice.

Ms J Wilson: I will have to get the breakdowns.

##### Answer

Quality Support is a sub-program of Program 1.6 – Support for the Child Care System (pages 34-35, Department of Education and Training Budget Statements, 2016–17).

Funding from Quality Support sub-program is allocated to the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority, including for maintaining and developing the National Quality Agenda IT System.

Funding is also provided to support:

- the Australian Government's contribution to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Education Council Secretariat
- the Government's contribution to the COAG National Project Fund
- the Education and Care Services Ombudsman, National Education and Care Services FOI and Privacy Commissioners, as agreed by the Australian Education Systems Officials Committee (AESOC)
- stakeholder consultations.