

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000915**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***Child care safety net - children from refugee backgrounds***

**Question**

In the child care safety net, what level of investment has been allocated for children from refugee backgrounds in each year of the forward estimates? How many children will this cater for?

**Answer**

The Child Care Safety Net will provide \$858 million over the forward estimates to assist approximately 95,000 children, which may include children from refugee backgrounds. It will also support child care service providers in disadvantaged communities to address a range of access, affordability, locational and socio-cultural barriers to child care.