

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. SQ15-000924

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Programs to be abolished on 1 January 2017

Question

Will Grandparents CCB; Special CCB; Registered care; Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance Program; Inclusion and Professional Support Program; Community Support Program; and the Budget Based Funded Program be abolished as of 1 January 2017?

- a) Are there any other programs in addition to these which will be abolished? Please provide a full list of programs that will be abolished?
- b) What is the annual cost of each program scheduled to be abolished?
- c) Will families, children and services that rely on each of these programs will be better off or worse off? Please provide details about which families will be better and worse off as a result of each change.

Answer

- a) With the introduction of the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and the Child Care Safety Net (CCSN) on 3 July 2017 the following programs will cease on 2 July 2017:
 - Child Care Benefit (including Special and Grandparent CCB)
 - Child Care Rebate
 - Jobs Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance
 - the Budget Based Funded Programme
 - the Community Support Programme.

While these programs will cease, they will be replaced by new programs under the Child Care Subsidy and the Child Care Safety Net.

The Inclusion and Professional Support Program will cease on 30 June 2016, however the new Inclusion Support Program will commence on 1 July 2016

- b) Please refer to the Department of Social Services Portfolio Budget Statements.
- c) Please refer to the answer to Supplementary Estimates question SQ15-000701.