

**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. SQ15-000967**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***Community Child Care Fund***

**Question**

In relation to the development of the Community Child Care Fund:

- a) How will the grants program work? What will be the maximum grant a service can apply for?
- b) Has the eligibility criteria been determined?
- c) What assistance will be provided towards new building, expansions and extensions? How many dollars has been allocated to capital in each year of the forwards?
- d) Is the amount allocated for this program \$304 million in total, across the forward estimates?

**Answer**

- a) The final programme design for the Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) is currently being developed and will take into account feedback received as part of the recent Regulatory Impact Statement process.
- b) No.
- c) The CCCF will include funding for capital works projects in areas of high unmet demand to increase the availability of child care places, such as new buildings, expansions and extensions. CCCF funding has been allocated at the overall programme level and is not split by specific components within the CCCF.
- d) The amount allocated is \$271 million across the forward estimates.