

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. SQ15-001005

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Access to funding under the Community Child Care fund

Question

Will services in particularly impoverished communities be able to access top up funding under the Community Child Care fund over multiple grant rounds/indefinitely - will any limitations be imposed on this?

Answer

The Community Child Care Fund will enable services to apply for supplementary funding through a competitive grants round. The Fund will be particularly targeted to services operating in disadvantaged, regional or remote communities, and in areas of demonstrated high demand but with low child care availability.

Funding will be provided through time-limited grants, supporting services to achieve specific programme outcomes and it is not intended to provide ongoing funding for services. Services requiring support beyond the period of a funding agreement will be able to apply in subsequent grant rounds of the Community Child Care Fund.