

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. SQ15-001006

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

Community Child Care Fund

Question

It appeared the Community Child Care Fund was \$304 million for 2 years - it now seems that that is over a 4 year period. Why has this changed? On what modelling do you base the assessment that \$304 million over 4 years will be adequate to support access to early childhood education and care services for particularly vulnerable children?

Answer

The Community Child Care Fund commences in July 2017 and the funding allocation of \$271 million is for the last two years of the forward estimates period (2017-18 and 2018-19).

The funding allocation has been revised (from \$304 million) to reflect the Government's decision to remove the Access to Affordability component of the Community Child Care Fund, in response to feedback during the Regulation Impact Statement consultations that the component was poorly targeted and administratively complex.