

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. SQ15-001013

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Jobs for Families package - support for child care operators

Question

Will any support for child care operators to adapt their business model to changing circumstances be available under the Jobs for Families package?

Answer

The Department of Education and Training is committed to working closely with existing service providers to support them through the transition to the *Jobs for Families* Child Care Package.

The proposed July 2017 start date for the replacement of existing child care payments with the Child Care Subsidy and Additional Child Care Subsidy has been chosen to give service providers time to adjust to the new subsidies and to support the seamless introduction of new systems and arrangements.

Service providers and all impacted stakeholders will have early access to information about how they will transition to the new system through a comprehensive communication and stakeholder strategy.