

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation**

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**Question**

**Community Support Program**

Senator BILYK: I turn now to the Community Support Program. Can I get a breakdown of the sub-elements of the program under the revised budget from additional estimates for this financial year? You might want to take that on notice.

Mr Maynard: There are multiple components under the Community Support Program which is direct funding to childcare services based on particular eligibility criteria which vary according to the service type. Principally there are three main components, the first of which is a set up assistance payment, which is made available to a variety of services based on different criteria. That is available to family day care services, in-home care services, outside school hours services, including vacation care services. The second element is an operational or sustainability assistance, which is provided to support services, encourage the opening of new and the continuation of existing services, available to long day care, after school hours care, before school care, vacation care services and occasional care services. In addition, a payment is made for services operating in remote and regional areas, called the Regional Assistance Grant. It is provided to family day care and in-home care services which, as you will appreciate, have a devolved service workforce rather than a centre-based service. It is provided to ensure that the administration staff running a family day care or an in-home care service are assisted in the costs of providing professional development and monitoring the services being provided by their carers. Each of those has a unique set of criteria associated with them, and I would take on notice the question in relation to the total amount spent in relation to each of those components.

Senator BILYK: Thank you, Mr Maynard

**Answer**

As at 28 February 2013, the following amounts have been spent on each of the mainstream sub-program components of the Community Support Program (CSP) in 2012–13:

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|------------------------------------|----------------|
| • Set Up Assistance                | \$0.9 million  |
| • Sustainability:                  |                |
| ○ Sustainability Assistance        | \$16.2 million |
| ○ Operational Support              | \$65.9 million |
| • Regional Travel Assistance Grant | \$0.4 million  |

The total CSP mainstream notional allocation for 2012–13 is \$129.3 million.