

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 095

**Topic:** Communities for Children Plus Sites

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**Senator Bernardi** asked:

1. How was the money chosen for each of the particular eight sites?
2. Can you also advise what the money is actually going to be spent on?

**Answer:**

1. Funding for each of the eight sites was based on whether the site was an extension to an existing Communities for Children site or whether it was a new Communities for Children site. Higher level funding was allocated to new sites in recognition of increased start up costs for establishment and maintenance.

2. The model allows each Communities for Children Plus site to use funding to develop and tailor services that meet the needs of local children and their families.

The Facilitating Partner manages the funding allocation for the site with much of the funding allocated to other local service providers to deliver activities addressing known parental risk factors including mental health, family violence, housing and substance abuse. Depending on the local community needs, services may include intensive parenting support, health, substance abuse, disability, education and community services. For example, children will be supported as part of an integrated treatment plan for adults with mental illness or substance abuse histories.