

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000153

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

PWC BBF consultancy

Question

Has the process of running the PWC consultancy to engage with services concluded? What were the findings? Were services happy with the draft principles for moving forward? What is the process from here?

Answer

- No. The PwC consultancies, in consultation with the funding recipients, have drafted transition options for each service to consider. The consultancies are still ongoing and are expected to be completed in December 2017.
- In the first phase of transition assistance, PwC has prepared options for transition that can be considered by the governance bodies responsible for the BBF services.
- The overwhelming feedback from services to date is that they are happy with the support that PwC has provided them. The services are considering the transition options for moving forward with their governing committees and providing feedback to finalise their reports.
- Subsequent to the finalisation of all transition reports for BBF services, and once the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (*Jobs for Families Child Care Package*) Bill 2016 has passed, the consultants will provide tailored assistance to funding recipients to transition to the Package or to alternative funding arrangements.