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Topic: Community Childcare Fund

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Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked:

The Package abolishes the entire program designed to support those services operating in communities where the market would otherwise fail to deliver services for children and their families. The nature of these services is that they will not be able to successfully participate in competitive tendering processes. What is the Government's plan for children in these communities?

Answer:

Over the next two years, services currently funded through the Budget Based Funded (BBF) Programme will be supported to transition to new funding arrangements that best support the needs of the communities in which they operate. It is anticipated that those BBF services delivering child care will move to child based funding and many will also be eligible for grants through the Child Care Safety Net.

The Department is also consulting on this through the Regulation Impact Statement process.