

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000175**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000967 and SQ15-000430*

***Community Child Care Fund***

**Question**

Precisely what programs will the Community Child Care Fund be used for? How much funding will be allocated for each program? How much funding has been allocated to:

- a. Capital support
- b. Sustainability support
- c. Decreasing barriers for disadvantaged and vulnerable families

**Answer**

Under the Community Child Care Fund all child care services (including Budget Based Funded services) will be able to apply for supplementary funding through a competitive grants programme to:

- reduce the barriers in accessing child care, in particular for disadvantaged or vulnerable families and communities (Community Support element)
- provide sustainability support for child care services experiencing viability issues (Sustainability Support element)
- provide capital support to increase the supply of child care places in areas of high unmet demand (Capital Support element).

The funding for the Community Child Care Fund has been allocated at the overall programme level, not split between the individual elements.

The one exception to this is the inclusion of \$10 million a year, commencing in July 2016, for the integration of child care, maternal and child health, and family support services in a number of Indigenous communities experiencing disadvantage, as recommended by Andrew Forrest in his review of Indigenous jobs and training - *Creating Parity*.