

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. SQ17-000152

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Distribution of funding under the Community Child Care Fund

Question

How will funding under the Community Child Care Fund be distributed? How much will be competitive funding and how much non-competitive?

Answer

Funding under the Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) will be distributed via separate competitive and non-competitive grant processes, with funding available to services from July 2018. A particular focus of the first CCCF funding round will be to support the transition of services to the new child care system.

The Australian Government has set aside \$61.8 million within the CCCF for Budget Based Funded (BBF) services, which is equivalent to funding currently provided under the BBF program, to ensure their viability in the new system. This amount will be indexed into the future, and is in addition to fee income that will be available to BBFs under the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and the Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS).

BBF services will be able to apply through the non-competitive process. Together the CCS, ACCS and CCCF income streams guarantee that BBF services will be better off into the future.

The balance of CCCF funds will be available under the competitive grant process.