

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000880

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

Funding allocated for services to transition

Question

About \$17 million is set aside for a communications campaign – how much will be used to help services transition?

Answer

In the 2015–16 Federal Budget, \$16.54 million was allocated for a communication campaign to inform families and the child care sector about the changes to the child care system.

The child care campaign will utilise a range of communication channels to help both families and the child care sector to transition to the new system. There is no breakdown available which indicates the amount specifically allocated to communication to help services transition to the new child care system.

In addition, providers will be supported in the transition to the new child care system including with training materials, on-boarding and rollout support for the new IT system.