

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS**

**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017**

**Attorney General's Department**

**Program: 1.4 Justice Services**

**Question No. BE17-215**

**Senator Kakoschke-Moore, Skye asked the following question on 28 August 2017:**

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: In the recent budget there was also some money set aside, about \$3.67 million, for Children's Contact Service.

Dr Fenwick: I think that's a matter for the portfolio of the department.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: This money, as I understand it, was—am I able to continue?

Senator Brandis: The Children's Contact Service, as I'm advised, are run by the Family Relationship Centres, so we really need the officer of the department with knowledge of the operation of the Family Relationship Centres to address that issue, and they're not here. But we will take that question on notice.

**The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:**

Additional funding of \$3.67m from the Family Relationships Services Programme will be provided to government-funded Children's Contact Services to assist providers to reduce long waiting lists and increase accessibility to services.