



**Inquiry into ACT Budget 2021–22**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Elizabeth Kikkert: To ask the Minister for Early Childhood Development

Ref: Early Childhood Development, Budget Statement G, p. 16, output class CSD 2.1 Child and Family Centres, output class CSD 2.2 Child Development Services

In relation to: Funding for Child and Family Centres and the Child Development Service

1. Can the minister please provide breakdowns (by program if possible) of the figures provided in Table 9: Output 2.1: Child and Family Centres?
2. Funding for Child and Family Centres is increasing in this budget by more than \$900,000 (see Table 9). What is this increase for?
3. Note 2 for Table 10: Output 2.2: Child Development Service mentions a funding increase 'due to new initiatives'. What are these new initiatives?

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Child and Family Centres (CFC) have a budget of \$6.946 million which includes corporate, administrative and program costs. The breakdown for each centre is as follows:
  - Child and Family Centre – Gungahlin \$2.321m
  - Child and Family Centre – Belconnen \$2.284m
  - Child and Family Centre – Tuggeranong \$2.341m
2. The funding for Child and Family Centres is contained in the “controlled recurrent payments” line in Table 9. The increase in funding from 2020-21 to 2021-22 is \$0.253 million in line with general inflation on cost of services.
3. There are two initiatives included in this year. The first one is Child Development Service – facility upgrades and planning (page 149 in 2021-22 Budget Outlook) and funding for the Children and Young People Equipment Loan Service (page 154 in 2021-22 Budget Outlook).

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By the Minister for Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry MLA