



# Budget 2023-24

This information is accurate as of 9 May 2023.

## Child Care Subsidy Reform – additional integrity

This measure will safeguard the Cheaper Child Care Budget measure from fraud and non-compliance. This will deliver savings to the government over the next 4 years through new controls to reduce fraud and non-compliance by child care providers.

Services Australia plays a key role in child care compliance. While the Department of Education regulates approved providers of Child Care Subsidy (CCS), Services Australia assesses families' claims and entitlements to CCS. Therefore, some criminal investigation activities and regulatory functions need compliance action from both organisations.

This funding will allow Services Australia to continue participating in cross-agency administrative action and criminal investigations. It will also allow Services Australia to provide digital forensics and forensic accounting services to support investigations.

This measure is led by the Department of Education. Services Australia has been allocated \$1.3 million in the 2023-24 financial year to support the implementation of this measure. A total of \$5.3 million will fund this measure through to the 2026-27 financial year.

This measure is not subject to legislation passing.

### **Who this measure affects**

This measure affects child care providers. The impact is expected to be minimal for providers and services that comply with family assistance law.

### **When this starts and finishes**

This measure will start on 1 July 2023 and is ongoing.