

Standing Committees on Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2024 - 2025

Outcome: Early Childhood and Youth

Department of Education Question No. SQ24-000810

Senator Steph Hodgins-May provided in writing.

Child Care Subsidy

Question

1. Could you please provide a breakdown of families accessing Child Care Subsidy by the following CCS bands: 90%, 80-90%; 70-80%, 60-70%, 50-60%; 40-50%, 30-40%, 20-30%; 10-20%, 0-10%.
2. Please provide a breakdown of the number of families in CCS rate brackets (10%) for the most recent quarter available.
3. Please provide updated figures on families receiving Long Day Care, Family Day Care and Outside of School Hours Care by activity test band (24 hours, 36 hours, 72 hours, 100 hours) as provided in SQ22-000062.

Answer

1. The following table reports the number of Child Care Subsidy families by subsidy rate bands.

Table 1: Number of families by subsidy rate bands, March quarter 2024

Subsidy Rate	Count of Families
90% or higher	271,490
80-90%	213,460
70-80%	173,060
60-70%	133,990
50-60%	81,790
40-50%	38,480
30-40%	21,170
20-30%	11,880
10-20%	6,430
0-10%	12,990

Source: Department of Education administrative data.

Note:

- (1) This analysis uses the latest non-missing record of a family's subsidy rate in the quarter. In instances where the family has multiple subsidy rates in the same week (e.g. for multi-child subsidy), the highest subsidy rate has been selected.
 - (2) There are a small number of families which have missing subsidy rates in the quarter.
2. Please see response to Question 1.
 3. Long Day Care is no longer a recognised service type and has been superceded by Centre-based Day Care, which also includes former Occasional Care services, as well as some former Budget Based Funded Services. The number of families by allowed hours and service care type for the March quarter 2024 is in Table 2.

Table 2: Number of families by allowed hours and service type, March quarter 2024

Allowed Hours	Centre-based Day Care	Family Day Care	In Home Care	Outside School Hours Care	Total
0 hours	3,680	230	<10	3,190	6,680
24 hours	4,930	500	<10	1,640	6,810
36 hours	20,400	1,850	10	5,250	26,130
72 hours	160,780	13,160	100	69,530	215,280
100 hours	487,240	36,070	830	312,310	709,520
Missing	11,920	890	<10	24,930	37,250
Total	688,940	52,700	940	416,850	1,001,660

Source: Department of Education administrative data, DR3906

Note:

- (1) This analysis uses the latest non-missing record of a family's allowed hours in the quarter. In the case when a family's records of allowed hours are all missing in the quarter, this is represented as missing.
- (2) As families may use more than one service care type in the quarter, and due to rounding, the sum of the component parts may not equal the total.