

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System **Question No: SQ15-000110**

Topic: Child Care Data

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Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked:

In addition to, and to clarify Questions on Notice on p31 of the Hansard:

What is the mean long day care fee that families are paying per hour, provided for each child care type including in-home care:

- In Melbourne
 - In Sydney
 - In Darwin
 - In Brisbane
 - In Canberra
 - In Adelaide
 - In Hobart
 - In Perth
 - And for each federal electoral division
 - By State
- *Please also provide this information broken down by family income

Answer:

The mean child care fees for each child care service type in the March quarter 2014 are provided in the table below.

Service type	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Long day care	\$8.30	\$8.20	\$6.85	\$7.35	\$8.05	\$7.45	\$7.65	\$9.65	\$7.80
Family day care & In-home care	\$7.75	\$8.35	\$7.10	\$8.35	\$7.70	\$8.05	\$8.40	\$8.05	\$7.95
Occasional care	\$9.40	\$8.80	\$9.15	\$8.70	\$9.05	\$8.00	-	\$9.95	\$9.15
Outside school hours care	\$6.10	\$6.90	\$5.35	\$5.45	\$7.25	\$6.55	\$5.90	\$7.90	\$6.15
Total	\$7.95	\$8.15	\$6.70	\$7.20	\$7.90	\$7.45	\$7.35	\$9.25	\$7.65

Source: Department of Social Services administrative data

*Hourly fees for each service type are calculated by dividing the sum of all fee amounts by the sum of all hours for each service type.

To provide this information for capital cities, federal electorate divisions, and family income would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.