

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System

Question No: SQ15-000181

Topic: Child Care

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

In relation to the JETCCFA program for the current year, each year of the forward estimates and each of the last five years:

- a. What is the total number of recipients?
- b. How many are studying?
- c. How many are working?
- d. How many are on income support – and what payments?
- e. What type of approved child care services they are using?
- f. How many hours are recipients using weekly on average, and for each of these groups?

Answer:

a.

Table 1: Past JETCCFA recipients 2009-10 to 2013-14

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Total number of parents assisted	24 060	31 330	36 850	32 200	34 700
Total number of children assisted	34 900	45 830	55 260	49 000	53 900

Source: Department of Social Services administrative data

Table 2: Estimated JETCCFA recipient details 2014-15 to 2017-18

	2014-15 Budget	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Total number of parents assisted	33 600	39 800	40 700	41 400
Total number of children assisted	51 100	60 600	61 900	63 000

Source: Department of Social Services administrative data

b&c. Data is only available for JETCCFA activities undertaken from 2009-10 to 2012-13. The Department does not have a breakdown of this information for the forward estimates.

Table 3: JETCCFA Activity Types 2009-10 to 2012-13

Activity Type	2009-10 (%)	2010-11 (%)	2011-12 (%)	2012-13 (%)
Study/Training	77	73	80.2	78.9
Employment	16	19	21.6	19.8
Job search	4	4	5.0	4.1
Other (Labour Market Programmes etc)	3	4	4.5	3.9

Source: Department of Social Services administrative data

*The sum of activities of activities does not equal 100 per cent because a parent can undertake more than one activity.

d. An individual must receive an eligible Income Support Payment to be eligible for JETCCFA.

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Table 4: JETCCFA recipients by Income Support Payment Type

Income Support Payment	Current Recipients as at February 2015	8
Newstart Allowance	167	
Parenting Payment Single	895	
Parenting Payment Partnered	5036	
Youth Allowance (for jobseekers)	2	
Carer Payment	216	
A means tested ABSTUDY payment	1	
Special Benefit (in certain circumstances)	1	

Source: Department of Human Services data

To provide this information for the last five years and the forward estimates would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

- e. Data is only available for JETCCFA by care type from 2009-10 to 2012-13. The Department does not break this information down across the forward estimates.

Table 5: JETCCFA by care type 2009-10 to 2012-13

Care Type *	2009-10¹ (%)	2010-11¹ (%)	2011-12¹ (%)	2012-13² (%)
Long Day Care	79	78	77	73
Family Day Care	8	9	11.3	15
Outside School Hours Care (Before and After School Care)	20	21	22	21
In Home Care	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4
Vacation Care	6	6	7.5	7.4
Occasional Care	1	1	1	0.5

* The sum of the care types does not equal 100 per cent because a child can attend more than one service type.

1. Source: Department of Social Services administrative data

2. Source: Department of Human Services data as at 30 August 2013

- f. Data is only available for JETCCFA average hours used per week from 2009-10 to 2012-13, at a national level. The Department does not break this information down across the forward estimates.

Table 6: JETCCFA average hours per week 2009-10 to 2013-14

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Average hours per week per child	32.4	33.7	34.5	34.3

Source: Department of Social Services administrative data