Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000073

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Collection of fee data

Question

Senator LINES: Ten years ago how did you collect fees?

Ms J Wilson: How did we collect fee data?

Senator LINES: Yes.

Ms J Wilson: I think we would have to take that on notice, but we certainly do have the aggregated information for each of those elements of the parameters I just mentioned. Do you mean how we exactly had it, what combination?

Senator LINES: Right now you can get an exact figure, and you have been able to do that for

a few years.

Ms J Wilson: That is right.

Senator LINES: But you have not always been able to do that, and you certainly were not able to do that 10 years ago, to the best of my knowledge.

Answer

Administrative data has been collected from child care services since the introduction of the Child Care Benefit in 2001. This data includes the fees charged to families.