

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. SQ16-000077

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 140

Families worse off

Question

Senator LINES: Thinking about those families who would be worse off—as per the minister's media release of 30 January—in each of the four income categories, how much worse off will they be on average? In dollar terms and in terms of loss of access to hours expressed as days of care?

Ms J Wilson: For each of the groups which might receive less subsidy, how much less subsidy would they receive?

Senator LINES: Yes. In dollar terms, what does that look like? And in access to hours of care expressed as days?

Ms J Wilson: We would have to take that on notice.

Senator LINES: But can you give us that?

Ms J Wilson: We would have a general sense by broad income band, but not necessarily the reason. We would have to look at whether—

Senator LINES: But I am asking for dollar terms. I am not asking for reason but I am asking about access to hours.

Ms J Wilson: Yes.

Senator LINES: Thinking about those families that will be worse off across the four categories, by quintile what is the average and the range of the annual amount of subsidy they will be worse off by?

Ms J Wilson: By quintile and by range?

Senator LINES: Yes. The annual amount of subsidy they will be worse off by.

Ms J Wilson: We will have to take that on notice.

Senator LINES: Again by quintile, what proportion of families are in each of the steps of the activity test, including those who will receive no subsidy?

Ms J Wilson: We would have to take that on notice as well.

Answer

Please refer to Additional Estimates question SQ16-000142.