

**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. SQ16-000157**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***Families in the child care system not captured in the breakdown in the Minister's media release***

**Question**

In relation to the Minister's media release from 30 January 2016 "One million families to benefit from child care reforms".

Are there any families in the child care system, who are not captured in the breakdown in the Minister's media release? What are the categories of family not captured and how many are there?

- a. Does the table include families and children that rely on services under the BBF program (Indigenous or mobile services)? How many families and children rely on BBFs? How many will be better or worse off?
- b. Does it include families that will lose Registered Child Care Benefit?
- c. Does it include families earning over \$65,000, where one parent stays at home, who will lose all access to care?
- d. Are there any children who will be worse off because they will move from the current Special Child Care Benefit to the Additional Child Care subsidy? How many? In what categories?

**Answer**

- a) In 2014-15 there were approximately 19,100 children using BBF services. As the Department of Education and Training does not have detailed data on the families and children that use BBF services, it is not possible to estimate the impact of the CCS on them.
- b) No.
- c) Yes
- d) Please refer to the answer in Additional Estimates question SQ16-00081.