

**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. SQ16-000167**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***Ministerial determinations that can be made under the Jobs for Families Bill before the House***

**Question**

Can the Department list each of the Ministerial determinations that can be made under the Jobs for Families Bill before the House?

- a. When will the Ministerial determinations be provided to the public?
- b. If the definition of 'volunteering' – or any other definition – were to be altered so that a larger or smaller number of children and families might have access to subsidised child care, would this require the costing of the reforms to also be altered? If the definition of volunteering needed to gain access to child care was very 'light touch' would the package cost more than it does now?
- c. Has the Department costed any alternative definitions of volunteering? What were those alternatives?

**Answer**

A list of the Minister's and Secretary's rules which can be made under the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015 was provided at Appendix A of the Department of Education and training's submission to the Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee's inquiry into the Bill.

- a. The rules that can be made in accordance with the Bill will be made public once registered with the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments (after the Bill has passed the Parliament). However, the department has committed to consulting on the development of the rules with relevant stakeholders.
- b. The department's model takes into account the overall proposed Child Care Subsidy activity test which includes working, training, study and other prescribed activities (including volunteering). It does not separately model the effect of specific activity types.
- c. Refer to (b) above.