

**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. SQ16-000168**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***Breakdown of the percentage of families accessing different service types***

**Question**

Can the Department provide a breakdown of the percentage of families accessing different service types (long day care, family day care, outside schools hours care) based on their annual income? Can the department provide this information broken down by the proposed child care subsidy income threshold(s) i.e.:

- a. Low income families (under \$65,710)
- b. low-middle income (\$65,710 – \$170,710)
- c. Upper Income (\$170,710 – \$250,000)
- d. High Income (above \$250,000)

**Answer**

The table below shows the proportion of families in each of the income brackets by child care service type.

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Less than \$65,711</b>	<b>\$65,711 to less than \$170,711</b>	<b>\$170,711 to less than \$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000 and above</b>	<b>All families</b>
<b>Long day care</b>	70.6%	72.9%	72.4%	72.5%	72.3%
<b>Family day care</b>	19.9%	10.7%	6.7%	5.2%	11.9%
<b>In-home care</b>	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%
<b>Occasional care</b>	0.7%	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%
<b>Outside school hours care</b>	14.5%	24.9%	33.0%	33.3%	24.1%

*Source: Department of Education and Training administrative data.*

*Note: As families can use more than one type of child care, the totals may be greater than 100 per cent*