

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. SQ16-000180

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000958

Nanny Pilot

Question

In relation to the Nanny Pilot:

- a. Did the pilot commence on 1 January 2016 as announced?
- b. How many families registered for the pilot, and how many children did they account for?
- c. Can you provide a breakdown by geographic region of the families registered?
- d. The Government has said the program will support 10,000 children, across 4000 families. Why has the program been so heavily under-subscribed?
- e. Can you provide a breakdown by household income?

Answer

- (a) Yes. Service providers and families selected to participate in the programme were notified in December 2015. Service providers commenced contacting families and engaging nannies from January 2016.
- (b) 2829 families were successful in registering for the pilot and they accounted for 5443 children.
- (c) Refer to answer SQ16-000086
- (d) The Nanny Pilot Programme is a pilot, and this is the first time that the use of subsidised nannies providing care in the family home to assist families has been explored. Lessons learned from the pilot will assist in developing future policy for care provided in the family home. The Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) included an adjustment from 4000 to 3000 families.
- (e) Refer to answer SQ16-000087