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. SQ16-000200

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Family Day Care Compliance checks

Question

- What were the number of compliance checks carried out in 2013-14 and 2014-15?
- How many sanctions and penalties have been imposed since 2014?
- · What has been the value of fines imposed in the same period?
- And what has been the value of incorrect child care payments recouped (in the same period)?
- How much has this measure saved the Government in the forward estimates?

Answer

- The number of compliance checks for all services types carried out in 2013-14 was 1300. Almost 2900 were undertaken in 2014-15.
- From 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015, sanctions and penalties were imposed on 97 services.
- From 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015, \$6.8 million in fines has been imposed.
- From 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015, \$23.8 million of incorrect child care payments has been recovered.
- The child swapping integrity measure took effect on 12 October 2015.
- In MYEFO 2015-16, the child swapping integrity measure was estimated to save \$930 million over the four years to 2018-19.