

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. SQ16-000232

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 144

Annual Cap

Question

Senator LINES: What is the cost associated with increasing the cap on assistance from \$7,500 per child per year to \$10,000 per child per year for families earning over \$185,000?

Ms J Wilson: The cost of increasing the cap?

Senator LINES: Yes. How many families and children have benefited?

Ms J Wilson: I think we are going to have to take that on notice. I just want to make the point here that the model is an aggregate of all these changes. It does not split out if you change the cap here or if you have a different activities step there. It is actually the net effect of all the changes right across the whole of the population data we have for all families in care. So our ability to actually isolate one change from the rest of the model is quite a complicated thing. We will have to really look at these questions you are asking in more detail.

As the minister said before, trying to unpack one of these issues and separating it from the others when it is a model built up from a whole range of factors I will have to take on notice. We will come back to you with what we can provide.

Senator LINES: I would have thought that you could work out what the cost is associated with increasing the cap on assistance from \$7,500 per child to \$10,000 per child per year for families earning over \$185,000.

Ms J Wilson: Certainly, that one we can. But for some of the other ones I am just thinking through our ability to extract specific details out of the model.

Answer

Please refer to Additional Estimates question SQ16-000081.