

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

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Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 136

Modelling

Question

Senator LINES: I just want to go back to that question about the assumptions. You talked about using, for the activity test, those that you step up from 3.4 to four hours. You must have made an assumption there about numbers.

Ms J Wilson: We made assumptions in the model about how close would make you go from the example I gave you. I have not got a list of those assumptions but I can get them for you.

Senator LINES: And no-one in the room has got them?

Ms J Wilson: No.

Answer

The Department of Education and Training's model takes into account first-round behavioural effects, which are derived from the Productivity Commission's (PC) model. As with the PC model the behavioural effects are not applied to specific families; rather assumptions about behavioural change are applied across the whole model.