

**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. SQ16-000254**

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 139

***Numbers worse off***

**Question**

Senator LINES: For each of the income ranges in the education minister's media release of 30 January, how many families will be worse off because of the activity test, and how many will be worse off because of the benchmark price? You have given me 45,000 and 37,000.

Ms J Wilson: That is the total.

Senator LINES: What I want to do is to take those two numbers and break them down. Can they be broken down by the number of children in those families?

Ms J Wilson: I have already taken that on notice.

Senator LINES: If you are looking at the four income bands, do you need me to spell them out? Like the 65,000, 70,000—

Ms J Wilson: Just do it the same as the press release.

Senator LINES: Yes, through to D, which is \$250,000 plus, so we are singing off the same song sheet.

Ms J Wilson: I think in the press release it actually gives you the general groupings, so for lower income families it says: About 52,100 ... in this income bracket will receive a reduced subsidy ... That is largely because they need to do more activity, as it says in the press release, and then they can access more hours of subsidised care, and 'as little as four hours' will get them more activity. There is a statement in each group about the broad reason why they would be accessing less subsidy, but you are asking for a bit more detail than that.

Senator LINES: Yes.

**Answer**

Please refer to Additional Estimates question SQ16-000142.