

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0097_15

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

Jobs Education Training (JET) Child Care Fee Assistance

1. How many families are estimated to be impacted by this measure over the forward estimates? 2. Isn't it true that many parents on income support would be working a casual job while studying for more than three days a week? How have these changes been justified in light of this? What impact will these changes have on parents working and studying? What impacts will these changes have on children?

Answer

1. The Department has not modelled the number of impacted families over the forward estimates. Impact of this measure will depend on the individual circumstances of JETCCFA recipients. In particular, this measure provides an incentive for JETCCFA recipients to structure their child care needs and/or study to be within the limits introduced by this measure and they will not be adversely impacted if they do this.
2. The 36 hour per week limit only applies to JETCCFA recipients undertaking study. JETCCFA recipients who are working or undertaking work related training will still be able to access JETCCFA for more than 36 hours per week. This also applies to recipients who are combining study and work commitments.