

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000739**

Senator Paterson, James provided in writing

***600 hours of preschool in a Long Day Care Centre - child care subsidy***

**Question**

On average, how much Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate do children undertaking 600 hours of preschool in a Long Day Care Centre attract? On average, how much Child Care Subsidy will these children attract once the new child care package is implemented? Is there a cohort of preschool children that especially benefit from the new child care package?

**Answer**

Based on the average entitlement for children attending Long Day Care, it is estimated that a child attending 600 hours of care in 2015–16 would have received approximately \$3000 in Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate. As at Budget 2017–18, it is estimated that the average amount of child care subsidy paid for 600 hours of Long Day Care will be approximately \$3900 in 2018–19.

Families on lower incomes will receive higher levels of subsidy under the package than they do under the current system.