

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. SQ17-000904

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Child care system - babies and toddlers

Question

In each year of the forward estimates, how many babies and how many toddlers are expected to use the child care system?

Answer

Please refer to the table below reflecting the estimated number of children aged zero, one and two, expected to attend child care in each year of the forward estimates.

age	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Zero	28,000	29,000	30,000	31,000	32,000
One	131,000	136,000	141,000	146,000	151,000
Two	188,000	195,000	202,000	209,000	215,000

Estimated as at the 2017-18 Budget.

Note: Age is determined as at 30 June of each financial year.

Please note these projections do not take account of behavioural changes that may arise from the implementation of the Australian Government's *Jobs for Families* Child Care Package.