

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000705**

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 142

***Jobs for Families Package (income cap and activity test)***

**Question**

Senator URQUHART: How many will be worse off because of the activity test?

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Senator URQUHART: How many will be better off because of the increase in the cap in child care assistance for high-income earners?

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Ms J Wilson: Is that the cap you mean? It is the cap which applies to families on income above \$185,000.

Senator URQUHART: That is right.

Ms J Wilson: We would have to take that on notice. I just wanted to clarify what you meant by the question.

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Senator URQUHART: How many single income families earning over \$65,000 a year will lose access to child care?

Senator Birmingham: Again, we will take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: So you do not know how many single income families earning over \$65,000 will lose access?

Ms Paul: I am not sure whether we have that information, but we will take that on notice.

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Ms Paul: The reason I have taken this on notice is not that we might not know. You have asked quite a complex question, and this is why we have taken it on notice. You have asked for: income over a certain level, which means we have to look at how the data available to us is broken down—I am just explaining why it is important to take it on notice.

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Secondly, you asked whether the family is a single parent or partnered family. We work on the income unit for the purposes of a family, as I understand it, and I am not sure whether we are able to predict numbers in all of the variables that you have wanted us to put together. We probably have a sense of how many single parent families there are, and DSS would have a better clue on that in terms of the parenting payment. But outside the income support system, I am not sure. So I am not trying at all to—

Senator URQUHART: You have said you will take it on notice.

**Answer**

Please refer to the answer to Supplementary Estimates question SQ15-000701.