

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. SQ15-000938

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Registered Care

Question

In relation to Registered Care:

- a. How many children and families currently receive payments for Registered Care?
- b. How many children and families currently receive payments for Registered Care provided by grandparents? How much is this projected to cost in total over the forward estimates?

Answer

- a. The latest available data shows that in 2014-15, there were 35,057 children for whom Registered Care payments were made. Note that the data is not available on a family basis.

(Source: Department of Human Services)

- b. The Department of Human Services does not collect data on Registered Care provided by grandparents. Also, there is no separate appropriation for Registered Care and the Department of Education and Training does not separate this type of care in the forward estimates.