

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. SQ15-000952

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Assistance for temporary financial hardship under the Additional Child Care Subsidy

Question

What assistance will be provided to families experiencing temporary financial hardship under the Additional Child Care Subsidy? In dollar terms, what will the value of the assistance be? How will families be determined to be eligible?

Answer

Families experiencing temporary financial hardship will be eligible for a subsidy equal to the actual fee charged up to 120 per cent of the relevant hourly fee cap for up to 13 weeks per event.

The amount of the subsidy will be dependent on the individual circumstances of the family and the fee being charged by the service.

Family eligibility details will be finalised based on feedback received through the recent Regulation Impact Statement process.