Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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Assistance for parents moving from income support to work under the Additional Child Care Subsidy

Question

What assistance will be provided to parents moving from income support to work under the Additional Child Care Subsidy? In dollar terms, what will the value of the assistance be? What will the eligibility criteria be?

Answer

Under the Additional Child Care Subsidy, assistance will be provided to parents moving from income support to work by providing a subsidy equal to 95 per cent of the actual fee charged up to the relevant hourly fee cap for approved work, study and training activities.

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

The eligibility criteria are still being determined.