

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. SQ15-000961

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

How many families and children will be worse off because of the move from linking support away from actual fees and on to a benchmark fee?

Question

Currently CCR provides a 50 per cent refund of out of pocket costs, but the Child Care Subsidy will be based on the a per cent of the benchmark price. How many families and children will be worse off because of the move from linking support away from actual fees and on to a benchmark fee?

- a. Can the Department provide this information broken down by:
- b. Location – city, region, electorate
- c. Family income in \$10,000 bands
- d. Family status – single parent or two parents?

Answer

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is based on a percentage of the fee paid, up to an hourly cap, it is not based on a percentage of a benchmark price.

As such, support is still linked to actual fees.