

**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. SQ15-000968**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***Projected out of pocket costs of child care for families across the forwards***

**Question**

What are the projected out of pocket costs of child care for families across the forwards? Please provide as an average, but also break down based on family income (in \$10,000 steps) and number of children.

**Answer**

The data on families' disposable incomes that is part of these calculations only becomes available in the March quarter each year. As such, the Department of Education and Training does not project out of pocket costs across the forwards.

The most recent information available is March 2014 and this is available from <https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/families-and-children/programmes-services/early-childhood-child-care/child-care-and-early-learning-in-summary/child-care-and-early-learning-in-summary-march-quarter-2014>