

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. SQ15-000990

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Changes to Child Care Subsidy - savings for each year of the forward estimates

Question

In relation to the Government's announcement that the minimum rate of Child Care Subsidy available to higher income families will decrease from the 50 per cent of the benchmark price announced in the budget, to 20 per cent of the benchmark price.

a. Relative to the system announced in the Budget, how much has this change saved in each year of the forward estimates?

Answer

The Australian Government will invest around \$40 billion on child care support over the next four years. This includes an increase of more than \$3 billion to support implementation of the *Jobs for Families* Child Care Package.

Relative to the system announced in the Budget, there will be a saving of around \$160 million in 2017-18, and around \$190 million in 2018-19 as a result of variations to the subsidy available for higher income families.