Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

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Jobs for Families Child Care Package fact sheet dated 2 December 2015

Question

The Department's Jobs for Families Child Care Package fact sheet, dated 2 December 2015, states: "A broad range of activities will meet the activity test requirements, including paid work, being self employed, doing unpaid work in a family business, looking for work, volunteering or studying. There will be exemptions to the activity test for parents who legitimately cannot meet the activity requirements."

How will each of elements of that activity test be defined:

- paid work
- being self employed
- · doing unpaid work in a family business
- looking for work
- volunteering
- studying

Answer

The definition of recognised activities for the Child Care Subsidy activity test is being considered as part of the development of the Minister's Rules to support the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2015.