

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. SQ15-001001

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Family Day Care Child Care Benefit loading

Question

Families using family day care or in home care are currently eligible for 1.33 loading on their Child Care Benefit when accessing care on a part time basis (standard hours are less than 37.5 per week); and in non-standard hours. (see Department of Education, Child Care Service Handbook 2013-14. Page 151 – 152)

For 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 - Can the Department please provide the number of children using family day care that are (also as percentage of all children that access family day care) eligible for the 1.33 loading in the following circumstances:

- Accessing care on a part time basis (standard hours are less than 37.5 per week); and
- Accessing care in non-standard hours.

Answer

The Department of Education and Training is unable to provide this information, as it would require an unnecessary diversion of resources.