

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. SQ15-001002

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Proposed Family Day Care Inclusion Support Subsidy

Question

The proposed Inclusion Support Programme commencing 1 July 2016 removes the current two-tiered subsidy system for family day care, which currently provides educators that care for children with moderate additional needs and those with significant additional needs subsidies (at different levels). The Government has proposed a single tier subsidy, which will be applied to children with high support needs.

For 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 - Can the Department please provide the number of educators that are eligible (also as percentage of all family day care educators) to -

- receive the Tier 1 Inclusion Support Subsidy under the Inclusion Professional Support Program?
- receive the Tier 2 Inclusion Support Subsidy under the Inclusion Professional Support Program?

Answer

Family Day Care (FDC) services, not FDC educators, are eligible to apply for either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 Inclusion Support Subsidy (ISS) under the current Inclusion and Professional Support Programme (IPSP).

The Department of Education and Training only collects the requested data for FDC services – not FDC educators - and is shown in the table below.

IPSP FDC ISS	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	No of FDC services	No of FDC services	No of FDC services
Tier 1 – moderate impact	166	162	145
Tier 2 – significant impact	92	76	53