

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

JET - extra parents it will support

Senator BILYK: In response to a question from Senator Nash, you mentioned some 2011-12 figures. You might need to take this on notice, but you might be able to answer it. I think about an additional 4,200 children are being supported by JET this financial year. Do we know how many extra parents it will support in 2012-13? Ms Taylor: As I understand it, our estimate of parents has increased, and I will hand to Mr Maynard. I think it is around 38,000. Mr Maynard: In terms of the additional number of parents, I think that is in the right order, but I would have to take on notice the specific number. Senator BILYK: What did you say is your estimate? Ms Taylor: It is probably looking at around an increase of 3,000 parents, but we will take that on notice.

Answer

In 2012-13 it is expected that the Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance program will assist 33 300 parents and 48 500 children. This is an increase of 2900 parents following the release of the 2012–13 DEEWR Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement.