

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0306_14

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Child care Rebate cap

1. Can the department provide the percentage of families currently accessing Child Care Rebate which will reach the \$7,500 cap before the end of this financial year?
2. Has the department conducted analysis on how many families would be reaching the cap over the next three years, should it remain at \$7,500? Can the department provide that modelling?

Answer

1. The Department estimates that 5.4 per cent of families using approved care will reach the Child Care Rebate limit during the 2013-14 financial year.
2. The table below provides the projected number of families that would reach the Child Care Rebate limit over the next three years if the limit remained at \$7,500.

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Projected number of families reaching the CCR limit	74,400	93,500	114,400

Source: Department of Education modelling based on assumptions as at pre-ERC 2014.