

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

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

Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Childcare Benefit of up to 50 hours per week

Senator NASH: Do you have any data for how many families were eligible for the maximum amount of 50 hours a week? Mr Kimber: If a family is involved in work training or study for over 24 hours a week they are eligible for 50 hours. Ms Caldwell: Fifteen hours a week. Mr Kimber: Sorry, over 15 hours they are eligible for over 24 hours up to 50 hours. Sorry about that. Senator NASH: Do you know how many families did that? Ms Caldwell: I believe we took on notice earlier to do a split between overall usage, full-time usage and less than full-time usage. On the same basis, we will take this on notice.

Answer

In the June quarter 2011, 550,670 of the 691,060 families using approved child care for their children were eligible for the maximum of 50 hours care per week.