

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question Number: W420-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 138/139/142: Could the department provide details on how many children would a family day carer need to care for at the same time to be considered to be providing a family day care service to satisfy the work search requirement or the work obligation?

Answer:

In determining whether the person is a family day carer who is satisfying participation requirements the person must first be a registered family day carer.

For a family day carer to satisfy participation requirements, and not be required to look for work, they will need to have worked for 30 hours or more in the reporting fortnight. If self-employed, they will need to have reported fortnightly earnings of at least 30 times the hourly minimum wage. If a family day carer looked after one child or more children for 30 hours or more per fortnight, and their reported fortnightly earnings were less than 30 times the hourly minimum wage, they would need to continue to look for work, which could include making themselves available to look after more children, until their reported earnings exceed the minimum fortnightly amount. At that time, they would be fully meeting their participation requirements.