

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

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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: W422-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 142:

Could the department provide details on the minimum number of other people's children which would have to be looked after before the care would be regarded as family day care for which childcare benefit is payable?

Answer:

The Department of Family and Community Services has provided the following information.

If a carer is registered with, and supported by, an approved Family Day Care service, families will be able to claim Child Care Benefit (CCB) for each child placed with that carer. The National Standards for Family Day Care (currently under review) specify that a carer must not provide care at any one time for more than seven children (including their own). There is no specified minimum number of children a carer must provide care for before CCB will be payable.