

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care**

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**Senator Back asked on 20 October 2011 , Hansard page 110**

**Question**

**Maximum Childcare Rebate**

Senator BACK: I want to go to the childcare rebate. How many families currently receive the maximum childcare rebate, and what is the average rebate paid to a family? Ms Taylor: The average rebate paid to a family is around \$2,100. Ms Caldwell: The number of families who were receiving CCR in 2010-11 was 745,000. Again, that will vary over the year, but that is the annual figure. I am sure we will be able to give you a split between maximum rate and less than maximum rate.

**Answer**

As at 16 October 2011, 9,179 families had received the maximum amount of the Child Care Rebate for the 2010-11 financial year. This is an indicative figure only as 2010-11 data is still being reconciled by the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) and the Australian Taxation Office as families lodge their tax returns.

The remaining 735,821 families received less than the maximum amount.