

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Human Services and agencies

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Topic: Centrelink - JET Child Care Fee Assistance

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SENATOR ALLISON asked on 26 May 2005:

Could you also take on notice the current allocation, the number of places and the cost of JET child-care assistance? How has that changed, or how is that proposed to be changed, from previous years?

Answer:

The Department of Family and Community Services have portfolio responsibility for JET Child Care and provide the committee with the following response.

The current allocation for JET Child Care for 2004-05 is \$15,264,000.

The JET Child Care Special JET Fee Assistance amount paid for each parent is dependent on the activity they are doing as part of their Participation Plan agreed with Centrelink and the sessions of child care required.

There is no limit on JET Child Care places and therefore no fixed cost per place.

Detailed policy for JET Child Care under the Welfare Reform package is still being developed.