Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000438

Topic: Support for multiple children in care

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

- 1 Under the Child Care Subsidy, will higher levels of support be provided for subsequent children? As is the case with the current multiple child loadings for the Child Care Benefit?
- 2 If so what are these levels of support?
- 3 If not, how many people families will lose access to multiple child subsidies? Please provide this broken down by state and electorate.
- 4 How many families with multiple children in care will be worse off because of the loss of additional subsidies? Please break down by state and electorate.
- 5 On average how much worse off will a family be because of the loss of additional assistance for multiple children in care?

Answer:

- 1, 2 There will not be a higher level of support provided for subsequent children, all families with incomes between \$65,000 \$170,000 will be better off.
- 3, 4, 5 To answer these questions would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.