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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000467

Topic: Price increases in LOCMOCC

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

What are the price increases for each service type (Family Day Care, Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care) projected to be for each year of the forward estimates in LOCMOCC, compared with the previous five years?

Answer:

The table below provides data from 2009-10 through to 2013-14 based on Departmental administrative data. The estimated rates of fee growth for 2014-15 to 2018-19 are agreed with the Department of Finance. They include an allowance for the effect of the National Quality Framework on child care fees.

Table 1: Actual and estimated fee growth rates by service type

	Financial Year	Service Type		
		Long Day Care	Family Day Care	Outside School Hours Care
Actual	2009-10	5.8	5.2	6.9
	2010-11	6.5	6.1	7.9
	2011-12	6.6	7.5	5.8
	2012-13	7.3	8.0	6.4
	2013-14	5.9	6.2	5.5
Estimated	2014-15	8.1	9.8	7.5
	2015-16	6.5	7.1	5.6
	2016-17	7.3	6.2	5.8
	2017-18	6.9	4.9	5.9
	2018-19	6.1	5.2	6.1

Source: Department of Social Services administrative data

Note: Estimated fee growth rates are as at Budget 2015-16. They do not include the potential behavioural changes of services after the introduction of the Child Care Subsidy.