

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Special Child Care Benefit

Senator NASH: I am happy for you to take this on notice as well. Of the claims that have been approved, how many might have been rejected for a follow-up claim? Is that information you can provide? Ms Taylor: I understand what you are saying. We will take that on notice. If we go back to the 2010-11 financial year, about which I was talking about the 18,080 families, there were 4,820 families that had more than one 13-week period of special childcare benefit. But I do not have the numbers who had applied, if you see what I mean, to find the number of rejections out of those. But I will follow that up and will take that on notice. Senator NASH: That would be appreciated.

Answer

Data on the number of individual families in respect of whom a child care service applied unsuccessfully for Special Child Care Benefit (SCCB) is not available. This is because the Department of Human Services (DHS) system records data at the transaction level and a child care service may have multiple interactions with DHS in respect of a single SCCB application.