

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0093_14

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Jobs Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance

How many families and how many children nationally, and in each State and Territory, have benefited from JET this year? How many are expected to benefit nationally, and in each State and Territory, over each year of the forward estimates? In the last year, what is the average number of hours each family has used this funding for? What funds have been spent on JET this year?

Answer

The data for families and children receiving Jobs Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance (JETCCFA) for the 2012-13 financial year or for the 2013 calendar year at a State and Territory level are not yet available.

The Department of Education does not model the number of JETCCFA families and children at the State and Territory level over the forward estimates.

For 2011-12, the average number of hours each family has used for JETCCFA is 49.1 hours per week and for 2012 the average number of hours per week each family has used for JETCCFA is 51.5 hours.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations 2013-14 Portfolio Budget Statement, page 38, provides the revised 2012-13 Budget for JETCCFA as \$110.9 million. Actual total expenditure data on JETCCFA for the 2012-13 financial year or for the 2013 calendar year are not yet available.