

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Question

Childcare figures from 2007

Senator TILLEM: Another one you will probably have to take on notice: I would also like the same data for the year 2007, at a point in time that is comparable.

Mr Cook: We can compare financial years. The information I gave you was financial year information. If we give you information based on the financial year, we are happy to do that. Senator TILLEM: I am sure you can tell me how many families receive the Child Care Rebate. Mr Cook: Of the figure I gave you before, 919,000, 649,000 families received both Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit; 92,000 received Child Care Benefit only and 178,000 received Child Care Rebate only.

There are two payment types: one is Child Care Benefit and one is Child Care Rebate. So 649,000 families received both of those. Senator TILLEM: And the difference between 649,000 and 919,000? Mr Cook: They are other forms of childcare payment as well. Senator TILLEM: Can you also take on notice again a state-by-state breakdown of those figures as well as an electorate-by-electorate breakdown? Ms Paul: I am not sure that we will have electorate by electorate easily, but we will have a look. Senator TILLEM: I presume just a postcode-by-postcode breakdown that is then allocated to electorates. Ms Paul: We will take it on notice.

Answer

Table 1 provides the number of families receiving the Child Care Benefit in the March quarter 2007 by state and territory. This data is not available by electorate.

Data on families receiving the Child Care Tax Rebate in 2007–08 is not held by the Department of Education.

Table 1: Number of families receiving the Child Care Benefit by State and Territory, March quarter 2007

NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
166,840	114,060	140,060	43,140	42,750	13,610	4,460	9,260	533,630

Source: Department of Education Administrative Data.

Note: The total may not add due to rounding and as families may use care in more than one state.

The data for families receiving the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate in 2012–13 by state/territory and electorate is not yet available.