

## Standing Committees on Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2020 - 2021

**Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care**

**Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. SQ20-001912**

Senator Louise Pratt provided in writing.

***Update to SQ20-000024 relating to approved child care***

#### Question

Referring to SQ20-000024, please update table 1 and table 2 with the latest data and estimates over the forward estimates period.

#### Answer

**Table 1** presents the **number of children and families** estimated to be using approved child care over the period 2020–21 to 2023–24, as at Budget 2020–21.

Please note: the Child Care Forward Estimates Model was redesigned at MYEFO 2016–17. Since MYEFO 2016–17, the difference in the number of children and families largely reflects the impact of compliance measures in Family Day Care.

**Table 1: Projected children and families using approved child care**

Count	Budget round	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24
Children	Budget 2017–18	1,852,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
	MYEFO 2017–18	1,827,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Budget 2018–19	1,808,000	1,869,000	N/A	N/A
	MYEFO 2018–19	1,759,000	1,820,000	N/A	N/A
	Budget 2019–20	1,759,000	1,820,000	1,883,000	N/A
	MYEFO 2019–20	1,767,000	1,829,000	1,893,000	N/A
	Budget 2020–21	1,767,000	1,829,000	1,893,000	1,957,000
Families	Budget 2017–18	1,223,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
	MYEFO 2017–18	1,213,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Budget 2018–19	1,204,000	1,244,000	N/A	N/A
	MYEFO 2018–19	1,182,000	1,221,000	N/A	N/A
	Budget 2019–20	1,182,000	1,221,000	1,262,000	N/A
	MYEFO 2019–20	1,186,000	1,226,000	1,268,000	N/A
	Budget 2020–21	1,186,000	1,226,000	1,268,000	1,309,000

*Note: Numbers rounded to the nearest thousand*

**Table 2** presents the **projected hourly fee growth** by service type from 2020–21 to 2023–24, as at Budget 2020–21.

**Table 2: Projected hourly fee growth by service type**

Service type	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023-24
After School Care	3.7%	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%
Before School Care	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%
Family Day Care	1.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%
Long Day Care	4.9%	3.5%	4.6%	3.2%

Please note: the projected hourly fee growth rates do not take account of behavioural change.