

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System**

**Question No: SQ15-000167**

**Topic: Child Care**

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**Senator Lines, Sue asked:**

Can the Department provide the Budget impact over each year of the forward estimates, of the introduction of the \$8 per hour cap and the 36 hour per week limit in the 14-15 Budget, including:

- a. How much money in each year will this save compared to if it had not been introduced?
- b. How many people will hit the \$/hr cap and the 36 hour per week cap nationally, for each state and territory and for each federal electoral division?
- c. Did the Department do any modelling on the impact this change would have on the number of parents using the program and the hours of care parents would access? [if yes] What does the modelling show? Can the Department provide it?

**Answer:**

- a. Departmental modelling indicated that JETCCFA would exceed its estimated allocation by the following amounts if the 2014-15 Budget measure was not introduced:

<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
30.6	35.9	70.4	103.1	240

- b. The Department of Social Services does not have the requested data. The JETCCFA child care model does not allow for the modelling of behavioural change in relation to cost and hours of care.
- c. The number of parents estimated to access JETCCFA for 2014-15 was revised (refer table below) as shown in the table below:

<b>Estimated</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
<b>parents</b>				
<b>assisted</b>	33 600	39 800	40 700	41 400

Source: Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio Budget Statements