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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: FTB

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Senator Claire Moore asked:

Of the three million children who will lose their supplements, how many are in child care? If I am clear, how many are of an age where they are likely to access childcare? What proportion of the total number of children is that?

Ms Halbert: We will take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: What proportion of the total number of children is that? I am happy for questions 4 and 5 to go on notice.

Mr Whitecross: When you say could possibly access child care, that is a bit difficult—

Senator MOORE: I know. I understand.

Mr Whitecross: because there is not really any age limit on access to child care.

Senator MOORE: I would say birth to four.

Mr Whitecross: So how many zero to four-year-olds, effectively, is what you are asking?

Senator MOORE: If I have a variation to that question, I will put it on notice to make it clear, if that is okay, just so we know what we are asking. They are the only ones I have on family.

Answer:

As at September 2015, around 28 per cent of the approximately three million FTB Part A children are aged 0-4 years.