

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.5 Child Care Benefit**

**Question No: SQ15-000491**

**Topic: In-Home Childcare Programme**

**Hansard page: Written**

**Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah** asked:

What is the current eligibility criteria for in-home care?

**Answer:**

In Home Care is available to families whose circumstances mean that only an approved In Home Care service can provide suitable care, and who meet one or more of the following eligibility criteria which are prescribed in the Family Assistance Law:

- The child, or any other child with whom the child lives, has an illness or disability.
- The individual in whose care the child is, or the individual's partner, has an illness or disability that reduces the individual's, or the partner's capacity to care for the child.
- The child lives in a rural or remote area.
- Work hours of the individual in whose care the child is, or the individual's partner, are (or include) the hours during which no other approved child care service operates that could otherwise provide care.
- The individual in whose care the child is or the individual's partner is caring for three or more children (including the child) who have not yet commenced school.