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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000433

Topic: Quarterly Child Care Update

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

In relation to the publication of the June 2014 Quarterly Child Care Update:

1. Why was there such a delay in the publication of the report?
2. Did the Minister or his office provide any guidance on the timing of the report? Was the Department instructed not to publish the report before the release of the Jobs for Families package?
3. The June 2014 report does not include updated out-of-pocket costs from the previous quarter. Why?
4. Can the Department provide the out-of-pocket costs as of June 2014, broken down into income bracket, as is standard in the reports?

Answer:

1. The June quarter 2014 Child Care Report publication timeframe was similar to publication timeframes for other quarterly child care reports published over the last 4 years.
2. No.
3. The data on a families disposable income that was used in these calculations is only available in the March quarter each year, and so the out of pocket calculations only apply to the March quarter each year.
4. Please refer to the answer to question 3.