

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

**Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000469**

**Topic: Price Increases**

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**Senator Lines, Sue asked:**

1 - What are the projected price increases for each child care service type (Long Day Care, Family Day Care, Outside School Hours Care) for the forward estimates? And for any projected years beyond the forward estimates?

2 - Given the Child Care Subsidy will be indexed by CPI, will the out of pocket costs for parents grow over time under the new system, as a proportion of the total child care fees charged?

**Answer:**

1. Please refer to the answer to Budget Estimates question SQ15-000467.
2. If nothing were to change, then out of pocket costs would grow over time. However, the new child care package is designed to constrain the rate of fee increases, and the Department expects that the market will respond and that fee growth will slow.