

**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: SQ15-000470**

**Topic: Overall impact on families - Child Care Subsidy**

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**Senator Lines, Sue** asked:

With reference to the article in the Daily Telegraph by Daniel Meers on 11 May 2015 which says:

“Nearly \$40 billion will be set aside over the next four years to get mums and dads back into the workforce, tomorrow night’s budget will reveal. The landmark figures will be unveiled as part of the entire Jobs for Families Childcare Assistance Package which treasury estimates will leave four out of five families better off.”

1 - Is the Department aware of the analysis referred to in that article about how many families will be better off? Is it correct? Please provide a copy.

2 - Does this mean one in five families will be worse off? How many families will be worse off?

**Answer:**

1. The Department is aware of the analysis referred to in the article.
2. On average, families with annual incomes of between around \$65,000 and around \$170,000 will be around \$30 a week better off. Those on higher incomes will, on average, continue to receive the same level of support.