

**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: SQ15-000471**

**Topic: Childcare Subsidy**

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

How many children does the budget costing expect will access the additional subsidies for children at risk, financial hardship and JET – how does that compare with current usage?

**Answer:**

It is expected that approximately 95,000 children ‘at risk’, or from families under temporary financial hardship or transitioning to work, will be assisted through higher subsidies under the Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS). The ACCS is different to the current Special Child Care Benefit and Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance programmes and as such usage is not directly comparable.