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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000473

Topic: Families and children worse off under Child Care Subsidy

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

Please provide tables or a calculator which show how much assistance families will receive on different incomes and across different service prices under the Child Care Subsidy, compared with the current system. The tables/calculator should show the changes in out-of-pocket expenses. Please provide this information in \$10,000 income bands and for prices between \$60 per day and \$150 per day. And for families with one and two children in care.

Please also provide this information taking into account the impact of the Government's proposed Family Tax Benefit changes.

Answer:

A calculator will be developed in order for families in different circumstances to understand how much Child Care Subsidy they are entitled to.

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.