

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: 2.5 Child Care Benefit

Question No: SQ15-000481

Topic: Childcare Subsidy

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Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked:

How would an at risk child meet the gap between the benchmark price and the cost of child care fees if the fees are higher?

Answer:

The Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) is a top up to the Child Care Subsidy and will provide additional fee assistance (up to 120 per cent of the hourly fee cap) to assist children at-risk of serious abuse or neglect irrespective of family income or activity tests.

This means that, for example, in the cost of long day care, up to \$13.85 per hour would be fully covered.