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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000528

Topic: Workforce

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Senator Lines, Sue asked:

How many people are forecast to move into the workforce as a result of the Government's child care changes? How many are forecast to exit the workforce? How were these figures determined?

Answer:

Quantitative Research undertaken for the Department of Social Services to investigate potential impacts on workforce participation found that 24% of families with children under twelve, both in work and out of work, indicated they would be encouraged to work more as a result of these measures.

Based on 2011 Census data, this would translate to around 240,000 families being encouraged to increase their involvement in paid employment.