

**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: SQ15-000542**

**Topic: Parent's work patterns**

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**Senator Lines, Sue asked:**

During estimates hearings, the Department said it is using ABS data to profile the work patterns of families in the child care system.

- 1 - Can the Department provide this data?
- 2 - Which ABS data set did this come from?

In providing this information, can the data be broken down into number of children in the child care system:

- a. with both parents working full time
- b. with both or one parent working part-time
- c. with neither parent working;
- d. with one parent working and one not working
- e. with a family income less than \$60,000 per annum.

**Answer:**

The Department used data from the Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA) survey on work hours to estimate the minimum weekly hours worked. Access to HILDA is available under license from the University of Melbourne. Further details are available at <https://www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/>.

To provide the analysis requested would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.