

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000075**

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 138

***Number of families worse off***

**Question**

Senator LINES: So overall how many families are worse off—

Senator Birmingham: But I do emphasise that, in terms of the proportion that are impacted in each of the different family income brackets, what you tend to see is that in upper income families it tends to be that it is that cost-of-care factor that is more likely to make a difference if they are worse off.

Senator LINES: Do we have modelling on that? Are there numbers that you can give me?

Senator Birmingham: Yes—well, sorry. I am sure we can unpack the detail a little more for you if need be, which we can take on notice.

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Ms J Wilson: I just gave you the number of people hitting the fee cap, and the minister is right: the bulk of those are in the group above \$170,000.

Senator LINES: So how many of them are in that group?

Ms J Wilson: We can break that down for you on notice by the income groups for you, but the bulk of the reason why they are worse off because they are paying higher fees is at the higher income end.

CHAIR: So \$170,000?

Ms J Wilson: Yes, over the \$170,000.

Senator LINES: So these are the 45,000 people, but you do not have that breakdown on you?

Ms J Wilson: I do not have it broken down by those income bands.

**Answer**

Please refer to Additional Estimates question SQ16-000142.