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. SQ16-000078

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 141

Numbers worse off

Question

Ms J Wilson: What I was pointing out was there are some combinations, which are particular to individual circumstances, where there could be multiple children—

Senator LINES: That tweak the model.

Ms J Wilson: and they currently get a part-time loading of some sort for the hours they are

using care. I was talking about a combination of effects.

Senator LINES: Can you give us that with numbers of children or not?

Ms J Wilson: Can you ask that question again?

Senator LINES: The families that will be worse off, who have one, two, three or four children.

Ms J Wilson: Yes, I have to take that on notice.

Answer

The Department of Education and Training is unable to provide this information as families are assessed as better or worse off based on the overall net position across all children in a family in care. Not all children in a family are necessarily better or worse off compared to the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate arrangements as children within a family may be attending different care types with different fees, or may have different circumstances applying to them.