

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

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Better Offs

Question

Senator LINES: Have you got that number? The 'more better offs' with those additional loadings?

Ms J Wilson: We probably have it as a net figure—we will have to take it on notice—but not broken down by income rates like this, and I should just point out the BBFs are block funded at the moment, so they are not part of this because we do not have the data that I have just explained to you. We only get data for a two-week snapshot once a year. We do not know who goes, how many hours or anything about BBFs.

Senator LINES: Okay, so the BBFs are not in there. Of the others on that list I have just read out, exactly how many children and families will be worse off and how many will be better off?

Ms J Wilson: The press release provides you with the breakdown of people better off.

Senator LINES: I am just talking of that group.

Ms J Wilson: You just want the—okay, you just want to that group, which seems to have the characteristics of—all right.

Senator LINES: Yes, so those on mainstream subsidies. You have said you have not got the figures for BBFs, so those with multiple child loadings, those in part-time care—

Ms J Wilson: Okay; I understand. So you want this broken down for those characteristics?

Senator LINES: I am just asking how many of those families will be worse off and how many will be no better off?

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Senator LINES: If the figures are not there, you will come back and say the figures are not there.

Senator Birmingham: That is right.

Ms J Wilson: I should also say that this is a net effect on a family. In an individual family, depending on if you have got three children and one goes to long day care, one goes to family day care and one goes to outside school hours care, there actually could be a netting off of the impact on each of those different children for the hours they use and the different care type and it is an aggregated—

Senator LINES: And you cannot give me those numbers then?

Ms J Wilson: No, I am saying that we are taking it on notice but it is quite complicated. It has an interaction effect with elements.

Senator LINES: Do you think you can give it to us or not?

Ms J Wilson: We need to take it on notice, Senator.

Answer

Please refer to Additional Estimates question SQ16-000142.