

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. SQ16-000081

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 144

Savings made by move to new activity test

Question

Senator LINES: How much has been saved by moving from the current CCB and CCR activity tests to the new activity test? And I would like you to break that down to show how much has been saved by moving people from each step on the current test to each step on the new test—how many families and children would be impacted by each change to the activity test?

Ms J Wilson: Each step of the activities—is that what you are asking?

Senator LINES: Compared to the current steps within the CCR and CCB.

Ms J Wilson: We will have to take that on notice.

Senator LINES: Okay.

Answer

As outlined at the Senate Inquiry Hearing on 4 March 2016, due to the interactions in the model, the Department of Education and Training has modelled the new package as a whole at the national level, and there are limitations on individual elements that can be considered in isolation. The settings within the model are all interrelated. We cannot break down the impact of each individual setting, such as the activity test, the hourly fee caps or the rate of subsidy and how it individually contributes to the final cost of the package.

As the new child care package is substantially different from the current system, care should be exercised when making comparisons to ensure that they are on a like with like basis.