

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. SQ16-000083

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 145

Comparison between activity tests

Question

Senator LINES: For each of the above steps that we have just gone through, how much less or more is being spent and how many more or fewer children and families will receive assistance compared to the current CCB-CCR system?

Senator Birmingham: When you say 'each of the above steps'—

Senator LINES: The department is going to be doing the work.

Senator Birmingham: When you say 'each of the above steps' do you mean the whole package again?

Senator LINES: Yes. So we are looking at the amount that is saved from moving the current CCB to the CCR activity test, the new activity test; we are looking at increasing the cap; we are looking at special childcare benefit moving to the additional childcare subsidy; we are looking at the overall expenditure of the childcare subsidy; and the number of families and children who will receive the subsidy in \$10,000 steps. Now I am asking: at each of the above steps, how much less or more is being spent and how many fewer or more children and families will receive assistance compared to the current CCB-CCR system?

Senator Birmingham: I am pretty sure we will be taking that on notice, with the caveat I gave earlier—that is, that there is a limitation to how much additional modelling can be undertaken

Answer

Please refer to Additional Estimates question SQ16-000142.