

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. SQ16-000084

Senator Lines, Sue asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 146

Reduced access under the new activity test

Question

Senator LINES: The minister has been able to make public statements about how many families will be better off or worse off under the changes. Can you provide us the number of families and children eligible for 48 hours childcare benefit per fortnight currently that will have their access reduced under the new activity test—and, within that, how many will have their access reduced to nought hours per fortnight, 24 hours per fortnight or 36 hours per fortnight?

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

Senator Birmingham: Even then it is important to appreciate that, if you just answer that question narrowly, some of those families may be financially better off because they may be being paid a higher subsidy, notwithstanding the fact that their entitlement to the number of hours of care might have changed.

Senator LINES: The number of families and children eligible for 100 hours of CCB per fortnight currently will have their access reduced under the new activity test. So how many will have their hours reduced from 100 to 72 per fortnight? And how many will continue to be eligible for 100 hours per fortnight?

Ms J Wilson: We can take it on notice.

Answer

Please refer to Additional Estimates question SQ16-000142.