

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. SQ16-000135

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000932

Timing of Department's modelling

Question

In relation to the Minister's media release from 30 January 2016 "One million families to benefit from child care reforms".

When did the Department do this modelling? Why wasn't this included in the Regulatory Impact Statement?

Answer

The modelling for the *Jobs for Families* Child Care Package has been an iterative process dating back to the release of the Productivity Commission's Report on Childcare and Early Childhood Learning.

The Department of Education and Training has modelled a range of parameters and scenarios to inform Government decision making on the Package over this period. The product of this modelling was not released or included in the Regulatory Impact Statement because it was part of the Cabinet deliberative process. Data about the impact on families was not released until after the policy settings were finalised in late 2015.