

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. SQ16-000170

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

Hourly assistance cap

Question

In its calculation of the hourly assistance cap, has the Government considered the higher hourly fees associated with non-standard hours and part-time care?

Answer

The Department of Education and Training's model uses administrative data from around 900,000 families, including the fees associated with all care used by those families.

The department's analysis shows that during the March quarter 2015, the average fee per hour for families using non-standard hours of care in Family Day Care was \$7.65. This is lower than the \$7.75 per hour for families who used standard hours of care. A similar pattern was observed in In Home Care.