

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000127

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

Cost of the Child Care Package

Question

The latest child care bill provides a cost over the forward estimates of \$1409m for the child care subsidy. What is the year on year estimate for each of the four years?

Answer

On 7 February 2017, the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) published an update of '*Unlegislated measures carried forward in the budget estimates*' which included a fiscal balance estimate of \$1409 million for unlegislated measures related to the Jobs for Families Child Care Package (the Package).

The Department of Education and Training has not been able to replicate this published PBO estimates.

The PBO is best placed to provide information on the methodology, parameters and other data used to derive the estimate of \$1409 million (in fiscal balance terms) as published in the February 2017 update.