

**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. SQ17-000137**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***Assumptions in 2016-17 Budget modelling***

**Question**

Did Budget 2016-17 assume that families would increase or decrease their hours of work to minimise their out of pocket child care expenses irrespective of the unemployment rate?

**Answer**

Yes, the model used for Budget 2016–17 made some assumptions about families changing their behaviour to minimise their out of pocket expenses.