

**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. SQ17-000142**

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing

***MYEFO variation***

**Question**

Can you explain the main drivers of why the child care assistance estimates were reduced by \$7.6 billion over the forward estimates in MYFEO?

**Answer**

The revised child care estimates reflect a one-off major correction following a complete overhaul of the child care forward estimates model, as well as the impact of child care compliance measures that have been implemented in the past 18 months (notably the child swapping measure in October 2015).

Families' entitlements to child care subsidies are not affected in any way by this change.