

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. SQ17-000159

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Impact of child care changes on workforce participation

Question

How many jobless families will get jobs as a result of the proposed child care changes in each of the next four years?

Answer

The Australian Government has referenced research which indicates that around 230,000 families will increase their workforce participation as a result of the *Jobs for Families* Child Care Package. This figure includes parents who would be entering the workforce for the first time as well as parents who would increase their current participation.

The research, which was undertaken by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd, included both qualitative and quantitative research to gauge and quantify Australian families' perceptions of, and likely behavioural responses to, a range of possible child care assistance models. The findings were derived from this research and extrapolated to a national level using ABS census data.

The ORIMA research does not include year-on-year estimates.