

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. SQ17-000186

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Cost to change activity test

Question

Taking into account the changes in the child care model made at MYEFO, how much would each of the following amendments to the proposed child care package cost?

- Changing the activity test to provide 15 hours per week for all children up a family income of \$65,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000
- Changing the activity test to provide 18 hours per week for all children up to a family income of \$65,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000
- Changing the activity test to provide 20 hours per week for all children up to a family income of \$65,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000
- Changing the activity test to provide 24 hours per week for all children up to a family income of \$65,000, \$80,000 and \$100,000

Answer

The Department of Education and Training provided analysis of some of these scenarios in its responses to Questions on Notice 12 and 18 from the Public Hearing for the Inquiry into the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Jobs for Families Child Care Package) Bill 2016, and the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Family Payments Structural Reform and Participation Measures) Bill 2016.

The department has not updated the analysis using the MYEFO version of the child care forward estimates model, and is not able to do so in the time available to respond to this question.