

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1 - Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Child Care Benefit

Senator BILYK: What would the upper income threshold for the childcare benefit would be for a family with one child in the next financial year? Mr Maynard: The current year's maximum income is \$142,426. Each subsequent year's maximum income limit will be subject to CPI adjustment. I do not think we able to give any forecast as to what the CPI might be two years out. Senator BILYK: Whatever the CPI is, that is it what will advance to. Mr Maynard: That is correct. Senator BILYK: Are there any projections on how families are likely to earn over the upper income threshold? Ms Taylor: Yes, I can give you that. Senator BILYK: Are you able to break that down for me by the income bracket? Ms Taylor: Certainly, Senator. So for the next financial year, 2014, the number of families in total represents 10.6 per cent—that is, 100,079. By income bracket, under income under \$50,000, there will be 1,035 families. Sorry, you were after who was above the cap? Senator BILYK: Yes, but that is alright because this information you are telling me now will help me get to that anyway, won't it? Ms Taylor: We will do the CCB cap. Mr Maynard: Unfortunately, we do not have the CCB cap. We do have a projected grouping of families by \$50,000 ranges, which will not give you what you are looking for. Senator BILYK: If you could take that on notice and get back to me, that would be good. Thank you.

Answer

Child Care Benefit Income Threshold

The upper income threshold for Child Care Benefit for a family with one child for the 2013–14 financial year is \$145 642.

Child Care Benefit income threshold estimates

The Department does not prepare estimates on the number of families who will exceed the Child Care Benefit upper income threshold over the forward estimates.