

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0103_15

Refers to Question on Notice ED0252_15.

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

JETCCFA program

The Budget changes the Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance (JETCCFA) program. 1. Has the department done any regulatory impact assessment or any modelling on how these changes to JETCCFA will affect families? 2. How many families currently receive assistance above the new maximum? On current usage, how many families will be worse off under this change? 3. Where are these families? Can you provide these figures by state? 4. While a JETCCFA recipient must be on income assistance they can do some amount of work without losing benefits. This is likely to mean they need more than 36 hours care – especially for single mothers. How many current JETCCFA recipients are training or studying and undertaking casual work or part-time work? Has this been taken into account when assessing the impact of the changes on families? 5. Has the department or the government modelled the impact on workforce participation as a result of the JETCCFA changes? 6. What information did the Minister have on the workforce participation impact to make this decision?

Answer

Please refer to written question on notice ED0252_15.