

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. ED0104_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

CCB

1. How many new services have applied to be approved for the purposes of CCB in the last financial year? How does this compare to the year before?
2. How many extra places would this provide? Can you provide these numbers of services and places for each state and what type of service they are?
3. What modelling has the department undertaken to determine the impact on families of the changes to the Child Care Benefit income thresholds? Was this information provided to government prior to the decision being made?

Answer

Question 1

1452 Child Care Benefit Applications for Approval were received in the 2012–2013 Financial Year.

There is no central data available on the number of CCB applications in the 2011–2012 financial year. Prior to February 2012, the application process for approval of child care services was paper-based and assessment was carried out by the department's state and territory offices.

Question 2

Number of Potential Extra Places 2012–2013 Financial Year

Child care services indicate their proposed number of places in their application for Child Care Benefit approval. The department's database has no record of the number of places on paper-based applications received prior to February 2012.

Service Type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Long Day Care	720	11,583	150	5915	1390	344	12,744	2490	35,336
Family Day Care	412	8461	24	2128	731	0	15,042	1342	28,140
Outside School Hours Care	2011	15,521	720	15,877	2347	603	10,000	9789	56,868
Total	3143	35,565	894	23,920	4468	947	37,786	13,621	120,344

Question 3

The department does not comment on advice to Government. The impact of the CCB Budget measure on families will depend on their individual circumstances, taking into account family income, hours of care used, type of care and number of children in care.