

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. ED0106_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Impact on freeze of indexation on families - CCB

The Hansard record of the Department's answer to recent questions about freezing income indexation for Child Care Benefit shows the department expected 500,000 families would be impacted in 2014-15 by the freeze of indexation of payment income thresholds for CCB. 1. Can you provide the estimated number of families impacted for 2015-16 and 2016-17, as well as the numbers of children impacted for the three years of the freeze? 2. Where are these families? 3. Can you provide these numbers by state?

Answer

1. It is estimated that around 500,000 families and around 800,000 children will be impacted each financial year by maintaining the Child Care Benefit eligibility income thresholds for three years.

2. & 3. The model used by the department produces estimates at the national level, it is not possible to identify the specific location of families potentially affected.