

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. ED0108_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Legislative Outyears Customisable Model of Child Care (LOCMOCC)

In an answer to questions on notice on 9 December 2013 the Department provided information about the modelling used to estimate the impact on families including the Legislative Outyears Customisable Model of Child Care (LOCMOCC) (see http://www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/senate/education_and_employment/provisions_of_schedules_6_and_9_of_the_social_services_and_other_legislation_amendment_bill_2013/report/c02)

1. Could the Department please provide the forecast for fee growth used in the 2014-15 Budget for 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18, for: (a) all approved child care services (b) Long day care services (c) Family day care services (excluding in home care) (d) Outside school hours care services? 2. Could the Department also provide the forecast growth in the number of children in approved care for this year and each year of the forward estimates: (a) For all child care services (b) Long day care services (c) Family day care services (excluding in home care) (d) Outside school hours care services?

Answer

The following tables provide the department's response.

Table 1: Forecast growth in fees and children in care as at Budget 2014-15, per cent

Care type	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Fee growth	8.1	8.8	6.9	6.9	6.5
Growth in children	5.5	9.3	3.2	3.2	3.2

Source: Department of Education.