Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

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Question

Future projections for JET

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Is there now work being done to model how many people will be needing to access JET given the government's changes to employment welfare access for those under 30? Ms Paul: Yes. And of course then we would say we are hoping that these changes open up JET to be able to be offered to more people. So we can have a look at that. Why don't we take it on notice and see—we will have to work with the other portfolio, obviously, but I am happy to do so.

Answer

The Department of Social Services consulted with the Department of Education when developing the changes to Newstart and Youth Allowance. While these changes may increase demand for child care subsidies, including JETCCFA, it is expected this impact will be minimal.