

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000893

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ17-000065 and SQ17-000144

Update QoNs to include last year of forward estimates

Question

Please update the following QONs to take into account last year of the forward estimates? (and for completeness can it also be provided on notice as an addition to the information in these QONs)

- SQ17-000065
- SQ17-000144

Answer

Table 1 presents the number of children and families estimated to be using approved child care over the five years from 2016–17 to 2020–21 (as at the 2017–18 Budget).

Table 1: projected children and families using approved child care

Count	Budget round	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21
Children	Budget 2016–17	1,793,000	1,893,000	2,071,000	2,181,000	N/A
	MYEFO 2016–17	1,666,000	1,739,000	1,811,000	1,881,000	N/A
	Budget 2017–18	1,622,000	1,675,000	1,735,000	1,794,000	1,852,000
Families	Budget 2016–17	1,188,000	1,255,000	1,373,000	1,445,000	N/A
	MYEFO 2016–17	1,105,000	1,152,000	1,199,000	1,246,000	N/A
	Budget 2017–18	1,076,000	1,110,000	1,148,000	1,185,000	1,223,000

2020–21 figures were not required for Budget 2016–17 and MYEFO 2016–17.

Please note - the child care forward estimates model was redesigned at MYEFO 2016–17. This largely accounts for the change in the children and families between Budget 2016–17 and MYEFO 2016–17. Since MYEFO, the difference largely reflects the impact of stronger compliance measures in Family Day Care.

Table 2 (overleaf) presents the historic and projected fee growth by service type across 10 years from 2011–12 to 2020–21.

Table 2: Historic and projected fee growth by service type

Service Type	Historic fee growth					Projected fee growth				
	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21
ASC	5.8%	5.8%	5.5%	4.6%	4.4%	4.6%	4.3%	4.1%	4.1%	3.7%
BSC	7.8%	6.4%	5.3%	4.1%	4.9%	5.4%	4.7%	4.6%	4.3%	4.2%
FDC	7.2%	7.2%	5.8%	1.5%	8.8%	6.2%	5.1%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%
LDC	6.9%	7.1%	6.0%	5.7%	6.0%	5.9%	6.1%	5.9%	5.9%	6.0%
VAC	7.6%	4.3%	5.9%	5.2%	5.1%	-0.9%	4.3%	2.7%	3.2%	2.7%

Projected data is estimated as at the 2017–18 Budget. Historic data is extracted as at 28 May 2017.

Please note that the projected fee growth rates do not take account of changes in behaviour that may arise from the implementation of the Child Care Package.