

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. SQ17-000903

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Child Care system - safety net, state assistance, universal access

Question

In each year of the forward estimates, how many children and families:

- Will be covered by the safety net?
- Will receive child care assistance in each state and territory?
- Will receive universal access preschool in a long day care setting?
- Will receive universal access preschool in a preschool setting (e.g. state or community service)?

Answer

Please refer to the table below reflecting the *number of families* estimated to be eligible for the safety net under the Child Care Subsidy.

	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21
Safety net families	-	-	64,000	63,000	63,000

Estimated as at the 2017–18 Budget.

Analysis is not available on the *number of children* covered by the safety net. Information is available about the *number of children estimated to be using approved child care* – for example, the response to Question No SQ17-000904 shows the number of children aged 0 to 2 expected to be in child care in each year of the forward estimates.

The department conducts modelling at the national level. As such, state and territory breakdowns are not available.

For answers relating to the delivery settings for universal access to preschool, please refer to SQ17-000733.