

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Question

Breakdown of families receiving the Child Care Benefit

Senator TILLEM: If you take that on notice and provide the actual numbers, that would be much appreciated. How many families receive the Child Care Benefit? Mr Cook: In 2013-14, the current financial year, in terms of our expectation of the future— Senator TILLEM: No. Mr Cook: Do you mean currently? Senator TILLEM: Yes. Mr Cook: In 2012-13, 938,000. Senator TILLEM: So 938,000 families received Child Care Benefit? Mr Cook: Were using childcare services, and 919,000 of those received a childcare payment. So 98 per cent of those families using the service were receiving a childcare payment in 2012-13. Senator TILLEM: You will probably have to take this on notice, but can we get that in a state-by-state breakdown as well as an electorate-by-electorate breakdown, please? I am sure you have got them, but clearly it is a substantial task and not one to be done immediately, I presume. Mr Cook: We absolutely have it. We will take it on notice.

Answer

State and territory and electorate breakdown of data on families receiving child care fee assistance for the financial year 2012–13 is not yet available.