

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0421\_15**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Child Care services - above median price**

How many children are currently accessing ECEC services above the median price of \$7.53 per hour?

**Answer**

The Department publicly releases average hourly fees each quarter by care type in the Child Care and Early Learning In Summary report. From the most recent data available (December quarter 2013) the report shows there were 16 038 approved child care services, attended by 1 120 880 children with an average fee of \$7.55 per hour.