

**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. ED0442\_15**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Child Care Benefit (CCB) - number of eligible families**

(a) Can the department provide the number of children and families that are currently only eligible for 24 hours of CCB? Please provide these figures nationally and by state and electorate also.

(b) Can the department also provide a breakdown of those with a parent working some hours and those with a parent not working at all? Please provide these figures nationally and by state and electorate also.

**Answer**

(a) The Department of Human Services advise that as at 19 October 2014, 91,423 families and 114,309 children are currently eligible for up to 24 hours per week of Child Care Benefit only.

The number of families eligible for up to 24 hours of Child Care Benefit per week include families with the following circumstances:

- those working less than 15 hours per week or 30 hours per fortnight
- those studying or training less than 15 hours per week or 30 hours per fortnight
- those not working, studying or training
- those families with only one parent/partner working, studying or training (irrespective of hours of work-related activity undertaken).

(b) The data provided in response to question (a) is not available by the sub-groups described above.