

Questions taken on Notice during the hearing (Hansard page reference is at the beginning of each question):

1. Page 2 - Do you have hard data on families using additional hours? The sector is saying that families are using fewer hours. Can you get it for long day care and family day care?

Response:

The *Child Care and Early Learning in Summary, September Quarter 2013* publication shows that more than 1 million children (1,111,100) from 773,070 families attended approved child care during the September quarter 2013, an increase of 7.8 per cent from 1,030,970 children and 6.5 per cent from 726,130 families in the September quarter 2012. Over the same period the total number of child care services increased by 5.0 per cent, from 15,147 to 15,907.

In the September quarter 2012 the average weekly hours per child used in child care (all service types) was 23.8 hours per week, this had increased to 24.2 hours per week in the September quarter 2013. Over the same period the average weekly hours used in FDC and IHC increased from 24.5 per week to 28.2 hours per week. The average hours per child for LDC increased from 27.5 hours per week to 27.7 hours per week over the period.

2. Page 3 - In relation to CCB and CCR, can you provide us with how that is broken down into income brackets?

Response:

Table 1: The number of families receiving Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR), September quarter 2013

Family Income (\$)	Number of families receiving CCB	Number of families receiving CCR
0 to 50,000	207,530	197,100
Greater than 50,000 to 100,000	179,660	180,030
Greater than 100,000 to 150,000	130,240	196,250
Greater than 150,000 to 200,000	10,420	81,280
Greater than 200,000	1,190	38,710
Not known	6,400	13,480
Total	535,440	706,850

Source: Department of Education administrative data

Note 1: Data based on families estimated incomes provided to Department of Human Services.

Note 2: In the September quarter 2013, there were 773,070 families that used CCB approved child care services. Figures do not sum to 773,070 as families' receipt of CCB/CCR depends on their individual circumstances.

3. Page 4 - Are the Terms of Reference for the NQA and UA reviews publicly available? It would be good if you could get that.

Response:

The terms of reference for the review of the National Quality Agenda are published, as part of a consultation paper, at:

www.woolcott.com.au/NQFreview/support-files/2014-Review-Consultation-paper-21-May.pdf.

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