

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000849

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In Home Childcare

Question

What transition plans have been put in place for the more than 6000 children who access In Home Childcare nationally, especially for those families who do not meet Activity Test requirements but will continue to require childcare?

Answer

In Home Care families will be transitioned to the Child Care Subsidy. The current In Home Care (IHC) program is continuing in parallel with the Nanny Pilot Programme. The evaluation of the Nanny Pilot Programme and the review of IHC are designed to provide valuable input to the future policy design for approved child care delivered in the family home.

There will be exemptions to the activity test for parents who legitimately cannot meet the activity requirements and for families and children eligible for the Additional Child Care Subsidy.