

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Payne asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 75.

Question

CHILDCARE REBATE

Senator PAYNE—You gave me figures for the June quarter 2009. Can you take me back to the date of the introduction of the increase in the rebate and give me a comparison for those? Ms Shugg—The change to the rebate happened on 1 July 2008. I have figures going back to June 2008, but I do not go back any further than that. Senator PAYNE—Perhaps you would like to take that question on notice so that I can see that track through as the change to the rebate came into effect and what particular impact that had on take-up.

Answer

Latest available data as at 31 December 2009 (Source:Centrelink) was that 653,639 families were entitled to Child Care Rebate(CCR) for the 2007–08 financial year. For that year CCR was paid as an annual entitlement that covered 30% of a family's out-of-pocket expenses after Child Care Benefit (CCB),where applicable, had been paid.

Comparable data for 2008 -09 is not available at this stage. For most families final entitlement of CCR is not assessed until CCB reconciliation with taxable income occurs, after the end of the financial year. Currently for 2008-09CCR entitlements, reconciliation is still incomplete for a large number of families as their tax returns are yet to be finalised.