

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

Child Care Rebate

Child Care Rebate • When children transfer from Long Day Care, to OOSH care, when does the change in the amount of the child care rate register? • If this is not immediate, are parents running up a debt? • How is this money claimed back? • Does the Department have any figures on the number of parents who have received their CCR from the Government, however, have not yet paid their child care provider?

Answer

The amount of Child Care Rebate an eligible family may receive does not change when a child reaches school age.

The Department does not collect information on the non-payment of child care fees by families. Data held in the Child Care Management System reflects family assistance law requirements that individuals incur liability to pay child care fees.