

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

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Senator Back asked on 20 October 2011 , Hansard page 110

Question

Childcare Benefit Average Amount

Senator BACK: That was the rebate. Going to the childcare benefit, what was the number of families and what was the average amount received? The 2010-11 figures would be fine. Ms Caldwell: I can give you the number of families. I will have to check whether we have the average in the room with us tonight. The number for 2010-11 was 841,000 families benefiting from the childcare rebate. Senator BACK: And you can take the other figure for us on notice.

Answer

The number of families using approved child care in 2010-11 was 841,000. Of these, the number of families who received Child Care Benefit was 644,000. The average Child Care Benefit payment per family for the 2010-11 financial year was \$3,269.