Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Total cost of the special CCB for the last financial year

Senator NASH: That is fine. Total cost of the special CCB for the last financial year? Mr Maynard: Again, if I were to look to the most recent information I have, for September quarter 2011 it was 33,590,000. Senator NASH: Do you have a forecast of what it is expected to be for this financial year? Mr Maynard: I just want to check that figure, as to— Senator NASH: Do you want to take those on notice? Ms Taylor: Yes, we will take those on notice. Senator NASH: That is fine. So, the total cost for the last financial year and, if possible, an expectation for this financial year. Ms Taylor: Certainly.

Answer

The total cost of Special Child Care Benefit for the 2010-11 financial year was \$96.5 million.

The estimated expenditure on Special Child Care Benefit for the 2011-12 financial year, from 1 July- 31 December 2011 (latest data available) is \$61.9 million.

A forecast for Special Child Care Benefit is not available as it is a component of Child Care Benefit and is demand driven.