

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Question: F23**

**Outcome 1 – Sustainable Government Finances, Output 1.1 - Budget**

**Topic: Costing assumptions for the Finance costings of the December 2003 announcement of 10,000 additional Outside School Hours Care places.**

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**Senator Jacinta Collins asked:**

Did you cost the 10,000 place option? Do you have the detail of the assumptions that were made in that costing?

**Answer:**

Yes

The costing consisted of three elements:

**FaCS Administered** – These costs were based on additional Child Care Benefit (CCB) being paid to eligible parents for 10,000 places, at a cost of \$17.2 million over four years (2003-04 to 2006-07). This was based on the average cost under CCB for each outside school hours care place. Costs in addition to CCB related to additional funding to establish the extra places, provided through the Child Care Support Programme (CCSP). These were assumed to cost \$2.6 million over four years and were based on current support costs for outside school hours care.

**FaCS Departmental** - The costing assumed additional departmental staffing requirements of two ongoing full-time equivalents (FTE) for FaCS with one off additional staffing of eight and a half FTE for one year for implementation purposes, at a total cost of \$1.4 million over four years (2003-04 to 2006-07).

**Centrelink Departmental** - Costs were assumed to require approximately three and a half ongoing FTE as well as other related administration costs. These FTEs were required to process applications, enquiries and appeals at a total cost for Centrelink of \$1.1 million over four years (2003-04 to 2006-07).

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**Summary of costs:**

<b>Family Support – additional outside school hours care places: Summary of Costs</b>					
<b>(underlying cash)</b>					
	2003-04 (\$m)	2004-05 (\$m)	2005-06 (\$m)	2006-07 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
FaCS Administered - CCB	-2.340	-4.833	-4.954	-5.059	<b>-17.186</b>
FaCS Administered - CCSP	-0.457	-0.698	-0.711	-0.721	<b>-2.587</b>
FaCS Departmental	-0.217	-0.667	-0.235	-0.308	<b>-1.426</b>
Centrelink Departmental	-0.255	-0.267	-0.270	-0.274	<b>-1.066</b>
Total	-3.269	-6.465	-6.170	-6.362	<b>-22.266</b>

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