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# Child Care Benefit increases for New England Electorate families

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FEDERAL Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said the standard hourly rate of Child Care Benefit families in the electorate receives, will increase by the CPI this week as highlighted in the recent Federal Budget.

“This could see a lower income family, with one child in full-time care, receive up to \$264 extra this year in the Child Care Benefit alone,” Mr Joyce said.

“This increase in assistance is timely relief for New England families struggling with the cost of care, after fees skyrocketed 53 per cent during Labor’s six years in government.

“It will help take some of the pressure off working families as we continue to tackle the broader issue of making child care more affordable, flexible and accessible through our Productivity Commission Inquiry.

“We’re also working closely with the NSW Government to cut unnecessary and excessive child care red tape to reduce pressure on fees for both parents and child care services alike,” Mr Joyce said.

In total, the Abbott Government is increasing overall spending on child care fee assistance to \$28.5 billion over the next four years for around a million families. The Productivity Commission Inquiry’s draft report is due this month, with the final report due in October.

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