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Topic: Teenage Births and Pregnancy Data

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Senator Scullion asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of the data, by jurisdiction and age, on teenage births and pregnancies?

Answer:

In 2010, births to teenage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women (2,400 births) accounted for 20 per cent of births to all Indigenous women (11,800 births).

The teenage fertility rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women (76 babies per 1,000 women) in 2010 was almost five times the teenage fertility rate for all women (16 babies per 1,000 women).

More detailed data on teenage fertility rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women by State and Territory between 2005 and 2010 are in the Table below.

Births to 15-19 year old mothers, Summary 2005 to 2010

	Births to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers						Total births					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Age-specific fertility rates per 1000 women												
NSW	53.2	57.0	47.7	56.9	56.0	56.3	13.4	13.2	12.3	13.9	13.0	12.9
VIC	51.6	47.6	44.9	50.6	53.0	38.7	9.7	9.7	10.0	10.6	9.9	8.5
Qld.	69.5	61.6	73.5	77.1	99.7	94.7	20.4	19.7	23.0	24.7	26.7	24.0
SA	84.1	71.6	70.9	94.3	82.0	75.6	18.5	16.7	17.5	18.3	15.9	15.3
WA	99.6	89.7	101.6	116.6	103.4	103.5	20.5	19.6	20.5	22.7	20.1	19.1
Tas.	45.6	32.2	27.0	36.5	38.2	35.9	26.8	26.5	27.4	27.5	27.1	21.5
NT	105.8	116.3	110.8	91.0	87.6	91.1	61.4	63.5	58.8	51.9	48.0	48.1
ACT	not available											
Aust	72.1	69.0	70.0	75.2	78.8	76.3	15.7	15.3	16.0	17.2	16.7	15.5

Source: ABS, Births, Australia, 2010 (cat. no. 3301.0) Table 10

Note: data includes births to mothers aged less than 15 years