

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 142**

**Topic:** Autism specific early learning centres

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

Does the Department have an indication of any unmet demand for the centres?

**Answer:**

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has only recently received notification of waiting lists at Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres (ASELCCs).

The following information was current at 31 October 2010.

There are approximately 150 children on the waiting list for the Sydney ASELCC.

The Melbourne ASELCC has a waiting list of 17 children.

The North West Tasmania ASELCC has not advised FaHCSIA of any waiting lists.

The Brisbane ASELCC has a waiting list of 94 children.

The Adelaide ASELCC has a waiting list of 10 children.

The Perth ASELCC has not advised FaHCSIA of any waiting lists.