

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Payne asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 80.

Question

NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRESCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA

Senator PAYNE—Thank you for that. Are you able to tell us how many registered preschools we have in Australia? Is ‘registration’ the right word? Ms Shugg—In some jurisdictions, yes, and I think others use ‘licensed’. Senator PAYNE—I do not mind which word we use. Ms Shugg—I am seeing whether I have that with me. This is from the ROGS report. In 2008-09 there were 4,254 licensed and/or registered preschool providers. That would not include childcare providers who also provide preschool. Senator PAYNE—Can you then take it on notice to add that figure in. That is, how many would be in childcare providers—or are they not licensed or registered?

Answer

According to the 2006 Australian Government Census of Child Care Services there were 1,656 long day care services that offered an in-house preschool program conducted by a university qualified early childhood teacher.