

**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 Cormann asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 85.

Question

DATA FOR DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE III QUALIFIED STAFF.

Ms Rundle—I have found the data I was looking for, and I have it for every state. The available existing qualified teacher workforce in 2010 is 1,260. Senator CORMANN—Where is that? Ms Rundle—In Western Australia. Senator CORMANN—That is out of a total of 16,800? Ms Rundle—Correct. They are two different sources of data and they may not be directly comparable as well. I can also give you the numbers of diploma and certificate III qualified staff. Senator CORMANN—Would be able to give us all of that on notice

Answer

ABS Labour Force Survey data, while subject to significant sampling error, indicates that there were 16 800 early childhood teachers (head count) in August 2008.

Access Economics modelling undertaken in November 2009 indicates that the number of early childhood teachers available to 2010 is 9,712 full time equivalent staff. This was informed by a range of data sources including the National Children's Workforce Study, state and territory government data, and supplementary data obtained from the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC).

**Available Existing Early Childhood Workforce (FTE equivalent) at 2010
(Access Economics Modelling November 2009)**

	Degree	Diploma	Certificate III
Australia wide	9,712	13,684	14,314
NSW	3,686	3,283	4,122
Victoria	2,161	3,285	2,468
Queensland	1,453	3,931	5,220
Western Australia	1,260	1,443	1,092
South Australia	669	817	510
Tasmania	189	429	409
ACT	189	291	288
Northern Territory	107	205	205