

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care**

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**Question**

**Centre-based care - expenditure for this year to date**

ACTING CHAIR: Perhaps you will need to take this question on notice as well—that is, the number of parents of children in centre-based care who are currently eligible. Is that something that you would be able to inform us of? Ms Taylor: I can tell you the number of children. Again, this goes back to the March quarter, 2011. The number of children in long day care was 11,150. I can tell you outside school hours care as well. There were 218 before school, 640 in after school and 2,130 in vacation care. ACTING CHAIR: Thank you. And the expenditure year to date? That \$98 million was for 2010-11. We do not have a figure for expenditure for this year to date for this financial year? Ms Taylor: We do not, but I am happy to take that on notice.

**Answer**

The estimated year to date expenditure on Special Child Care Benefit in 2011–12, from 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011 (latest data available) is \$33.6 million.