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

Community based centres

Senator BACK: Can you give me some indicator of the pattern of ownership and how stable or fluid ownership is in long day care centres. Ms Caldwell: Again, we provided advice on notice on the number of changes of ownership advised to us. I do not have a more up to date figure on that. Senator BACK: I will go back and re-examine that, then. Did you provide me with information on the number of those centres that are community based? Is that a question I have asked you in the past? Ms Caldwell: You asked for numbers, and we provided numbers, but we can take on notice the update.

Answer

On 31 January 2012 the Productivity Commission released the Report on Government Services 2012 (ROGS). Table 1 (reproduced below) shows that in 2010-2011 26.5% of long day care services were community managed, up from 25.4% in 2009-2010.

Table 1: Licensed and/or registered service providers, by management type

Long day care	2009-2010	2010-2011
Community managed	25.4	26.5
Privately managed	70.8	69.3
Non-government schools	0.9	1.6
Government managed	3.0	2.6
Total	100.0	100.0

Source: Report on Government Services, 2012