

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

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

**Department of Education Question No. ED0300\_14**

**Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Waivers**

How many waivers are in place as of the end of January 2013? Could this information be provided with a breakdown by jurisdiction and waiver type? How many waivers there are for meeting the qualification requirements under the National Quality Framework? Please provide historical data on the number of waivers in place in the month of January for 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006.

**Answer**

The Australian Government does not hold data on waivers.

State and territory governments are responsible for implementing the National Quality Framework, including the approval of waivers.

ACECQA publishes a Snapshot Report, drawing on the data in the National Quality Agenda Information Technology System, on their website each quarter. The Snapshot Reports include data on waivers. The most recent report provides information as at 31 December 2013. At that time there were 695 waivers in place of which 458 related to staff matters, 231 were in relation to physical environment and 6 were both. The reports can be found at:

[www.acecqa.gov.au/SearchResults.aspx?keywords=Snapshot+reports](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/SearchResults.aspx?keywords=Snapshot+reports)

The National Quality Framework commenced on 1 January 2012. There will not be any data on waivers prior to this date.