

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

CHILD CARE HOURS- OUTSIDE HOURS

How many child care service providers provide care outside the most common hours?

Answer

The following table shows the number of child care services that provided non-standard hours of care as defined in the Productivity Commission's 2010 Report on Government Services (RoGS). Non-standard hours are defined in RoGS as care provided for greater than 50 hours per week for long day care, family day care, in-home-care, and vacation care; greater than 40 hours per week for occasional care; greater than 10 hours per week for before school hours care; and greater than 15 hours per week for after school hours care.

Table: Australian Government approved child care services that provided non-standard hours of care, (December quarter 2009)

Service type	Number of services
Long day care	5,325
Family day care & In-home care	68
Occasional care	13
Before school hours care	1,098
After school hours care	530
Vacation care	1,394
Total	8,428

Source: DEEWR administrative data, December quarter 2009.