

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Question

In-Home Care Places

Senator BACK: The same witness spoke about the remote in-home care which some families can access under the childcare benefit. My understanding is, if a family finds its own carer, it helps pay their wages. The main restriction is that the places are very limited and there is a long waiting list. First of all, is the department aware of this concern? Second, is there anything in train to try to address it?

Mr Baker: I am not aware of anything.

Mr Davies: I cannot recall anything being specifically raised with us on that one.

Senator BACK: I understood it had been raised in that correspondence

Mr Davies: We will need to check

Answer

On 25 October 2011, the Australian Government announced that it was providing additional In Home Care places nationally. The location and number of places to be allocated to each service are based on relative need and an allocation process commenced in late January 2012, with details being available on DEEWR's website.