

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0087\_14  
Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question  
National Quality Framework Waivers and Standards

Could the Department please provide a state by state breakdown of the number of services with waivers including by waiver category and waiver type? What is being done to address the needs of those applying for waivers? - What assistance/support services, if any, are being provided to those centres receiving a 'working towards' rating? - Is the Department monitoring wage differentials between 4 year trained teachers in Early Childhood Education and Care and those in Primary schools and the impact this has on workforce stability in ECEC?

Answer

State by State breakdown of services with waivers, waiver category and waiver type

The number of approved services with any waiver by jurisdiction and waiver type on 30 September 2013

	Service (ongoing)	Temporary	Both	TOTAL
ACT	4	20	0	24
NSW	87	162	4	253
NT	0	19	0	19
QLD	67	21	2	90
SA	0	42	0	42
TAS	4	73	1	78
VIC	57	28	0	85
WA	5	66	0	71
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>662</b>

Source: Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority, NQF Snapshot Q3,  
[http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/Reports/0910\\_ACECQA\\_Snapshot\\_Q3\\_final.pdf](http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/Reports/0910_ACECQA_Snapshot_Q3_final.pdf)

The number and proportion of approved services with any waiver by jurisdiction and waiver category on 30 September 2013

	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Total number of services</b>	<b>Proportion of services with a waiver</b>
ACT	7	17	0	24	313	7.7%
NSW	94	155	4	253	4407	5.7%
NT	0	19	0	19	203	9.4%
QLD	85	4	1	90	2655	3.4%
SA	3	39	0	42	1125	3.7%
TAS	4	73	1	78	221	35.3%
VIC	22	63	0	85	3786	2.2%
WA	8	63	0	71	966	7.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>13 676</b>	<b>4.8%</b>

Source: Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority, NQF Snapshot Q3,  
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Feedback is provided to services as part of the quality assessment and rating process. Guidance material and professional training through the Inclusion and Professional Support Programme is also available to services receiving a 'working towards' rating.

Wage Differentials

The department does not formally monitor wages for teachers in any setting.