

**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. ED0184\_14**

**Senator McKenzie asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 64**

**Question**

**Geographical distribution of services**

CHAIR: Can we comment about the geographic distribution of those sorts of services? Ms Wilson: Again, we would need to know where, because family day care would probably be the model, or in-home care. Depending on the region it would tell us how many providers were available that were actually providing that sort of care, because family day care services can identify what sort of hours they want to work. Some of them do the eight till six shift, some of them do the evening shifts—people who work in the night—and some of them offer overnight. I would suggest that the group that offers overnight is a much smaller proportion of the family day care cohort. CHAIR: Do we have those sorts of figures available on notice? Mr Cook: We will take that on notice. CHAIR: Could we drill down to that level—regional and the hours they have nominated? My second question was going to be about somebody assisting with milking. You might actually have to have care from, say, 5.30 in the morning until 7 am and then nothing again until a similar time in the evening. Obviously regional areas will want to make sure that those services are available before we go making everything—that was just a question. I do have some other questions that range across a variety of topics and I have been told now is the appropriate time. One of our election policy concerns was with the requirements imposed by the national quality framework and the impact on services, so I will be asking those questions now. Ms Paul: That is fine.

**Answer**

Information on the opening hours of child care services is available on the MyChild website at [www.mychild.gov.au](http://www.mychild.gov.au).