

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 102**

**Topic:** Better Start for Children with a Disability

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

What measures are you taking to ensure there are not capacity issues with the panel of approved service providers? i.e. that the providers can adequately meet demand for the program?

**Answer:**

Once applications open, early intervention service providers will be able to apply for membership of the panel at any time. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) will closely monitor the numbers and geographic spread of providers who join the panel.