

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

DEEWR Question No. CA0029_12

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Childcare Hubs (Health - FaHCSIA)

What is the relationship (if any) between the Child and Family Centres and the Indigenous Child Care Hubs. The DEEWR website lists them as separate things.

Answer

On 3 July 2008 COAG announced the establishment of a minimum of 35 Children and Family Centres (CFCs) in urban, regional and remote areas that have high levels of disadvantage and Indigenous populations. Through negotiation with State and Territory Governments this was subsequently increased to 38 CFCs.

This was an expansion and remodelling of the 20 'Innovative Child Care Hubs' previously announced in the 2007/08 Budget and included an expanded role for these Hubs. The CFCs provide integrated services such as child care, pre-school, playgroups, parent and family support, and maternal and child health services.