

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 163**

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

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

How many children have been refused funding under the Better Start for Children with Disability program?

Could you please provide a breakdown of the disability or condition of the children who have been refused funding?

Could you please provide a breakdown by residence (state or territory) of children who have received funding under the Initiative?

**Answer:**

The Department does not collect data on children who are not eligible for Better Start.

Below is a breakdown of children registered for Better Start by state and territory as at 31 January 2012:

<b>State</b>	<b>Registered Clients</b>
ACT	51
NSW	1,040
NT	37
QLD	672
SA	292
TAS	71
VIC	787
WA	313
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,263</b>