

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 165

Topic: Better Start for Children with Disability

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Senator Fifield asked:

What is the breakdown of conditions represented by the children who are now on Better Start? What proportion of them are children with Down Syndrome?

Answer:

Below is a breakdown of conditions represented by children registered under Better Start as at 31 January 2012:

Primary Disability	
Cerebral palsy	1,282
Deafblind (dual sensory)	11
Down syndrome	810
Fragile X syndrome	44
Hearing Impaired	813
Visually Impaired	303
Total	3,263

810 children (approximately 25%) are registered with Down syndrome listed as their primary disability type.