

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

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Question No: 171

Topic: Better Start for Children with Disability

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

Why are the funds allocated for the 2014-15 financial for the Initiative almost half of previous years' allocations in the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statement?

Answer:

The allocation reflects the predicted draw down of funds.

It is anticipated that in the early years of implementation eligible children up to the age of six years would register for Better Start funding. In subsequent years registration would taper off because children would register as they are diagnosed with an eligible disability.