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Question No: 370

Topic: Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability

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Senator Fifield asked:

- (a)** As at the end of financial year 2011-2012, how many children are currently receiving funding under the Better Start Initiative?
- (b)** As at the end of financial year 2011-2012, how many applications have been received for funding under the Better Start Initiative?
- (c)** As at the end of the financial year 2011-2012, how many applications have been refused funding under the Better Start Initiative?

Answer:

- (a)** As at 31 May 2012, 4,275 children were receiving funding under the Better Start Initiative (an additional 15 children have exited the initiative).
- (b)** 5,168 children applied for Better Start funding for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012.
- (c)** From 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012 a total of 878 children were deemed ineligible for Better Start Funding.

Note - Information for 30 June 2012 is not yet available