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Question No: 374

Topic: Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability

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Senator Fifield asked:

Please provide a current breakdown of the conditions/disability of children who have received funding under the Better Start Initiative:

- a) by residence (State/Territory)
- b) by locality (Urban, Regional, Rural)

Answer:

- a) Table A provides a breakdown of disability types and Table B provides a breakdown of children by state/territory as at 31 May 2012. Privacy protocols prevent reporting numbers of children by state/territory and disability type as this level of reporting has the potential to lead to the identification of some individuals.

Table A

Disability Type	Total
Cerebral Palsy	1,721
Deaf blind (dual sensory)	12
Down Syndrome	1,014
Fragile X Syndrome	55
Hearing Impaired	1,088
Visually Impaired	400
	4,290

Table B

State	Total
ACT	65
NSW	1,378
NT	47
QLD	915
SA	362
TAS	93
VIC	1,040
WA	390
	4,290

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- b) Table C provides a breakdown of all children by locality (urban, regional, rural) as at 31 May 2012:

Table C

Primary Disability	Urban ¹	Regional ²	Rural ³	Total
Cerebral palsy	71.7%	26.5%	1.8%	100%
Deafblind (dual sensory)	72.7%	18.2%	9.1%	100%
Down syndrome	68.4%	29.4%	2.2%	100%
Fragile X syndrome	71.7%	28.3%	0.0%	100%
Hearing Impaired	72.8%	25.8%	1.4%	100%
Visually Impaired	75.3%	22.9%	1.8%	100%
Total	71.5%	26.7%	1.8%	100%

¹ 'Urban' is 'Major Cities of Australia' from the ABS Remoteness Australia 2006 boundary set.

² 'Regional' combines 'Inner Regional Australia' and 'Outer Regional Australia' from the ABS Remoteness Australia 2006 boundary set.

³ 'Rural' combines 'Remote' and 'Very Remote' from the ABS Remoteness Australia 2006 boundary set.