

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 392

Topic: Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability

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Senator Fifield asked:

Please provide current expenditure under Helping Children with Autism on:

- a) children already registered under Helping Children with Autism.
- b) recurrent operational costs outside the Department, including registration.
- c) assessment, autism advisors and service provider panel costs.

Answer:

- a) As at 31 May 2012, expenditure for 2011-12 on early intervention services for children under Helping Children with Autism was \$47.161 million.
- b) Recurrent operating costs relate to registrations and advice to clients. The Autism Associations receive recurrent funding of \$4.062 million per annum to deliver the Autism Advisor Service. Children are registered for the HCWA package following their diagnosis.
- c) Service providers are paid on a fee for service arrangement. Service provider expenditure for 2011-12 for intervention services was \$47.161 million.