Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 125

Topic: Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

An aim of the program is to enable parents and carers to work or participate in the community. How can parents and carers undertake work when only vacation care is available in the Brisbane region except for one service that provides before and after school care?

Answer:

Holiday care is identified as being of the greatest assistance for parents and carers to work because even in a two parent working household the combined average of eight weeks annual leave would not be sufficient to cover all school holidays.