

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

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Question No: 127

Topic: Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Given that this issue was brought to our attention by a parent who is faced with giving away an excellent full time job because there is no-one to provide care for their teenager after school, does the department have any explanation as to why this program is still woefully under funded?

Answer:

The service delivery model for the program adopts a multi-sectorial approach that includes child care, disability services, health services and the education sector. Broader responsibility for some of those sectors lies with state and territory governments. As such the program provides support that partially addresses the complex needs of these teenagers with disability.