

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 3052

Topic: Transfer from Department of Health and Ageing (ABS)

Written:

Senator SIEWERT asked:

3052. How many Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children are there under 12 years of age?

a). Is this data available for each health district across the country?

b). Where data is available how recent is it and how would ABS rate its reliability and accuracy?

Answer:

3052. There were 193,882 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children under 12 years of age at 30 June 2011.

a). No, this is not currently available.

b). This data is available for 30 June 2011 and is the best estimate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children under 12 years of age. This estimate is based on the 2011 Census of Population and Housing counts adjusted for net undercount as measured by the Post Enumeration Survey. Projections of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population from 2012 to 2026 will be published by the ABS on 30 April 2014.