

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1 - Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Breakdown of average hours of JET care

Senator BILYK: I first want to ask about the JET system. Can someone tell me what the average hours of care claimed by JET recipients are? Mr Maynard: The average hours per child for the 2011-12 financial year was 34½ hours. Senator BILYK: 34½? Mr Maynard: Correct. Senator BILYK: So has that average usage of the childcare that is subsidised by JET increased, then? Mr Maynard: Yes, there has been a slight increase in the number of hours over the previous financial years. We are seeing growth at JET not only in the hours used but in the number of people using JET; for example, 34½ in 2011-12. In the preceding years, 33.7 hours was the average for 2010-11 and 32.4 hours per child per week for 2009-10. Senator BILYK: Are they using a particular type of care? Do you have a breakdown of what type of care they use? Mr Maynard: Unfortunately, I do not. I would happily take that on notice. Senator BILYK: I would appreciate that, if you would—obviously, of approved child-care services, but a breakdown by particular types of care.

Answer

Number of JETCCFA children and average weekly hours per child by service type, 2009-10 to 2011-12

Service type	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Children	Average hours per week per child	Children	Average hours per week per child	Children	Average hours per week per child
Long day care	27,720	35.6	35,980	37.1	42,080	37.6
Family day care & In-home care	3,000	26.8	4,100	27.4	6,510	31.1
- <i>Family day care</i>	2,830	27.2	3,910	27.5	6,260	31.3
- <i>In-home care</i>	190	17.7	220	24.7	270	26.7
Occasional care	370	17.7	420	18.9	410	20.2
Outside school hours care	5,410	11.8	7,550	12.2	9,360	13.1
- <i>Before school care</i>	1,830	5.3	2,760	5.5	3,940	5.6
- <i>After school care</i>	4,880	9.1	6,710	9.3	8,280	9.4
- <i>Vacation care</i>	1,880	31.6	2,580	32.3	4,110	32.3
Total	34,900	32.4	45,830	33.7	55,260	34.5

Note: As children may use more than one service type in any particular quarter and due to rounding, the sum of the component parts may not equal to the Total.

Source: DEEWR Administrative data

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