

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

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

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**Senator Bilyk asked on 5 June 2013, Hansard page 42**

**Question**

**Family Day Care**

Senator BILYK: I am interested in the increase in the family day care area, in particular. Do we have any data or information about why that might have increased so much and in what areas? Would that be in regional areas?

Ms Taylor: We might take that on notice. I know there has been an increase in applications in metropolitan areas and in some states, although nationally there has been an increase in applications and in some states perhaps more than others. In Victoria, for example, there has been quite an increase.

Senator BILYK: I am aware that in my state of Tasmania some of the family day care schemes have reduced over a period of time, not just in the last financial year. It looks like a bit of a regeneration there. I am interested in whatever you could give me to help me work out where that is and how that is. That would be really helpful.

Ms Taylor: I could break that down by state.

**Answer**

Since September 2011, there has been an increase in the number of approved Family Day Care services in Major Cities, while the number of approved services in Inner Regional, Outer Regional and Remote and Very Remote areas has largely remained static over the same period (see [Table A](#) below). Classification of regional areas is based on the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA).

**Table A: Approved Family Day Care providers by ARIA region**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Major cities</b>	<b>Inner regional</b>	<b>Outer regional</b>	<b>Remote &amp; Very remote</b>	<b>Australia</b>
2012	235	89	56	12	392
2011	185	89	58	14	352

In September 2012 there were 392 approved Family Day Care services in Australia, compared with 352 approved services in September 2011, representing growth of 11.4 per cent. [Table B](#) and [Table C](#) below show, by state and territory, the number of approved Family Day Care services, the number of children and the number of families using approved Family Day Care services in 2012 and 2011.

**Table B: Family Day Care - children, families and services by state/territory - 2012**

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>AUS</b>
Children	37,940	36,960	23,250	7,600	7,990	4,870	460	1,120	119,760
Families	27,420	20,680	15,940	4,890	5,410	3,480	370	910	78,840
Services	109	127	96	14	24	13	5	4	392

**Table C: Family Day Care - children, families and services by state/territory - 2011**

	<b>NSW</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>AUS</b>
Children	36,670	29,520	22,650	7,530	6,830	4,990	650	1,250	110,030
Families	27,040	17,810	15,940	4,820	5,040	3,580	520	980	75,660
Services	99	108	91	12	20	12	5	5	352