

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

**Department of Education Question No. ED0300_15
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Question

Universal access enrolment

Mr De Silva: In terms of enrolments, in Victoria, it was 93 per cent. That is enrolled for 15 hours per week. In Queensland, it was 94 per cent. In South Australia, it was 92 per cent. So there are different outcomes in enrolments state by state. But then it looks at the proportion that are delivered for 15 hours and then it looks at the proportion of programs that are delivered by a qualified teacher. Senator LINES: Are you able to provide that data to us? Mr De Silva: I can take that on notice. Yes, we will be able to. Senator LINES: Are any states, then, falling below the targets? If so, why? What is being done to help lift attendance rates? Ms Wilson: It is probably fair to say that each state identified a different trajectory of getting there—not just the absolute at 95 per cent, but how they were going to go. So we can certainly take it on notice to have a look at the data in relation to that.

Answer

The National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection for 2013 was released on 7 March 2014. This data showed key indicators of performance under the National Partnership in August 2013 and was released by the ABS.

The report can be located on the ABS website at www.ausstats.abs.gov.au and by searching for *Preschool Education, Australia, 2013 (cat no 4240.0)*.