

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000500

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

Kindergarten and preschool enrolment data

Question

Please provide the most up to date administrative data on the number and proportion of children enrolled in a preschool or kindergarten program in the year before school, and the proportion and number attending for 15 hours per week or more during the school term/600 or more hours per year? Please break this down by state and electorate.

Answer

Preschool enrolment and attendance data can be sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication: *Preschool Education Australia* (Cat. No. 4240.0) available at: www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/4240.0. This data is not available by electorate.

The *Preschool Education Australia, 2014* publication (ABS Cat. No. 4240.0) was released in March 2015 and contains the most recent national data on preschool.

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	Nat	ABS table
Children aged 4 and 5 enrolled in preschool	83 286	85 534	67 864	21 531	34 471	6709	3510	6287	309 185	Table 2
Children attending preschool for 15 hours or more per week	4468 2	60 339	48 887	13 583	21 010	5238	2221	4427	200 387	Table 26

Source: *The Preschool Education Australia, 2014* publication (ABS Cat. No. 4240.0)

The National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education sets out the methodology for calculating the proportion of children enrolled and attending a preschool programme. This requires additional data on Estimated Resident Population (ERP) by age as published in *Australian Demographic Statistics*, June 2014 (Cat. No. 3101.0) which is available at:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3101.0Jun%202014?OpenDocument>