

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000869**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

***Child Care places***

**Question**

Does the Department collect information about the number of child care places? By location? Over time? Can you provide a break-down to show what has been happening in each region and year?

a. If not – does any other agency collect this information? ACECQA?

**Answer**

The Department of Education and Training does not collect information on the number of child care places.

State and territory governments are responsible for approving the number of places available for children in early childhood education and care services. The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) publishes the maximum number of child care places at services approved under the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 on its website, [acecqa.gov.au/](http://acecqa.gov.au/).