

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

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

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0640\_15**

**Senator McKenzie asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 92**

**Question**

***Use of 2001 ABS census data***

CHAIR: And, we do not know why in 2013 the education department was using 2001 ABS census data to assess [Community Support Programme] CSP eligibility?

Ms Wilson: No.

CHAIR: Are you able to take on notice?

Ms Wilson: I can try to find someone who was around.

CHAIR: Could you try and find somebody who was around then to find out why?

Ms Paul: Other than me.

**Answer**

The finding made by the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) in its October 2012 audit report "Improving Access to Child Care - The Community Support Programme" noted that the Department was using geographic classifications based on 2001 ABS Census data and identified merit in the department updating the indices it used for the CSP.

The CSP was administered by Commonwealth departments which had undergone Machinery of Government changes over time and it is therefore not possible to provide information about why the indices had not been updated after the 2006 Census.