## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

## 2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 324

**Topic:** Better Start Initiative

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## Senator Fifield asked:

How much would it cost to extend the Better Start initiative to all children with disability?

## **Answer:**

There is no single reliable source of data in Australia on the numbers of children affected by disability. The Department has not performed any analysis of the available data in order to determine what the costs are likely to be of extending the Better Start initiative to all children with disability.