

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

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

**Department of Education Question No. ED0433\_14**

**Senator Tillem asked on 26 February 2014, Hansard page 78**

**Question**

**Participation rate of children in at least 15 hours of education in the year before schooling**

Senator TILLEM: Can I get the department to provide on notice a state-by-state breakdown of data on the participation rate of children in at least 15 hours of education per week in the year before schooling? Ms Wilson: We will take that on notice.

**Answer**

The table below shows the proportion of children who are enrolled in a preschool program for at least 15 hours per week<sup>a</sup>.

<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
48%	93%	94%	73%	97%	100%	90%	100%	78%

a) Derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication Preschool Education Australia, 2013 (cat. no. 4240.0); and ABS population statistics based on the 2011 Population Census. As proportions are calculated using two different sources of data, in some cases this may result in estimates greater than 100% of the population. Where this has occurred, figures have been capped to 100%.