Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

MYCHILDWEBSITE- REPORTING

How many centres report and how many centres do not report their vacancy rates?

Answer

Mychild Website - Reporting

Child Care Benefit approved services report the number of anticipated daily vacancies, and whether these vacancies may be suitable for certain age groups according to the standard definition applicable to their service type. Services do not report vacancy rates.

The table below provides a breakdown of reporting and non-reporting services, by service type, for Australia. These figures compliment those found in the report *'Child Care Vacancies – Quarterly Snapshot, March 2010'*.

Service Type	Total	Services	Services Not
	Services	Reporting	Reporting
Long Day Care	5,758	4,344	1,414
Out of School Hours Care	5,300	3,890	1,410
Family Day Care	307	2,34	73
Occasional Care	91	61	30
Vacation Care	2,110	989	1.121

Table 1. Reporting of vacancy data, by service type, Australia – March Quarter 2010

Note: The reference week for vacation care is the week ending 22 January 2010. For all other service types the reference week is the week ending 19 March 2010.