

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome **1**

DEEWR Question No. **EW422_10**

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Childcare/Early Childhood Education

How many additional Indigenous early childhood places have been provided since December 2007. What locations are they in?

Answer

Under the NTER initiatives, eight new crèches have been established in the Northern Territory. These crèches have provided up to 170 additional Indigenous early childhood places in the communities of Peppimenarti, Milikapiti, Yarralin, Robinson River, Papunya, Lajamanu, Areyonga and Docker River.

Further, the number of Indigenous children aged between 0 and 5 years using approved child care services has increased from 9,277 children in 2006 to 12,254 in 2009 (please note there is no data available for 2007 or 2008).

The number of Indigenous children enrolled in preschool programs increased from 9,627 in 2007 to 10,014 in 2008 (please note that 2009 data is not yet available).