

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

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

**DEEWR Question No. EW0860\_12**

**Senator Back asked on 20 October 2011, Hansard page 108**

**Question**

***Inclusion Support Subsidy***

Senator BACK: Do know how many children are currently paid for under the inclusion support subsidy? Mr De Silva: In terms of inclusion support agencies, in July to December 2010 there was a total of 47,130 children who were supported under the program. Senator BACK: And the amount of money paid either in that half year or in the full financial year 2010-11? Mr De Silva: I can tell you the total amount of funding that was available but I will need to double-check or take on notice the total amount that was actually paid. The total funding available was \$27.994 million and there was flexible support funding of \$4.287 million for 2011-12. But the actual amount of money paid for July to December 2010 I will have to take on notice. Senator BACK: Thank you very much.

**Answer**

Inclusion Support Agencies

The total funding available for Inclusion Support Agencies in 2011-12 is \$27.994 million (GST exclusive). As at 1 November 2011, \$14.0 million of the funding had been paid.

Inclusion Support Agencies supported 47,130 children in the period from June to December 2010.

Inclusion Support Subsidy

The total funding available for the Inclusion Support Subsidy in 2010-11 was \$45.7 million (GST exclusive).

In the July 2010 to December 2010 period, \$21.6 million in payments were made to child care services for the Inclusion Support Subsidy in relation to 16,290 claims.