

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

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Senator Back asked on 20 October 2011, Hansard page 113

Question

Occasional Care Funding

Senator BACK: On occasional care funding, could you provide for us a breakdown of the federal funding to each of the states and territories for the provision of occasional care during 2010-11? Perhaps taking that on notice would be good.

Ms Taylor: Yes, certainly.

Senator BACK: And what proportion of the program was made up from federal funding? Is that a set figure?

Ms Taylor: I will give that to you on notice, Senator. That is for general occasional care?

Senator BACK: Yes. At the same time, could you advise us of the number of centres funded in each state and the number of children, if that is possible.

Answer

The Department is unable to provide information on funding provided to Occasional Care services from States and Territories. However funding provided by the Australian Government is as follows:

Table 1: Approved Occasional Care by state/territory

Occasional care	NSW	Vic.	QLD	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aus [^]
Child Care Benefit (\$'000) ¹	\$1,292	\$787	\$396	\$66	\$245	\$99	0	\$113	\$2,998
Child Care Rebate (\$'000) ¹	\$1,150	\$666	\$488	\$31	\$357	\$47	0	\$154	\$2,891
Community Support Funding (\$'000) ²	\$1,313	\$749	\$533	\$86	\$449	\$94	0	\$100	\$3,324
Total Services	39	19	10	2	9	4	0	3	86
Total Children	2,710	2,210	1,010	120	880	190	0	210	7,320

¹ YTD – September and December quarter 2010, DEEWR unpublished

² Total expenditure for 2010-11

[^]Totals may not add due to rounding

The figures provided in Table One relate only to Occasional Care services approved to administer Child Care Benefit on behalf of families and do include non-approved services.