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Dear Committee Secretariat

Mark Henley was asked to provide additional information on the vulnerability index in Qld.
 Please find below additional information as requested.

Developmental Vulnerability

Children are classified as developmentally vulnerable on one or more of the following domains at the time they start school.

1. Physical health and wellbeing,
2. social competence,
3. emotional maturity,
4. language and cognitive skills, and
5. communication skills and general knowledge

Each domain is broken into the following sub-domains by which children are assessed against to see if they are vulnerable or not.

Figure 2.1: AEDI domains and sub-domains

Physical health and wellbeing	Social competence	Emotional maturity	Language and cognitive skills (school-based)	Communication skills and general knowledge
Physical readiness for the day	Overall social competence	Pro-social and helping behaviour	Basic literacy	Communication skills and general knowledge
Physical independence	Responsibility and respect	Anxious and fearful behaviour	Interest in literacy, numeracy and memory	
Gross and fine motor skills	Approaches to learning	Aggressive behaviour	Advanced literacy	
	Readiness to explore new things	Hyperactivity and inattention	Basic numeracy	

Queensland and NT have a high proportion of kids in this regard because of the higher indigenous populations. Indigenous are more likely to be developmentally vulnerable in one or more domains.

FYI

Children living in the most socio-economically disadvantaged Australian communities were twice as likely to be developmentally vulnerable on one or more of the domain/s and three times as likely to be developmentally vulnerable on two or more of the domain/s than those in the least socio-economically disadvantaged communities.

Source: <https://www.aedc.gov.au/early-childhood/findings-from-the-aedc>

With thanks

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