

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 168

**Topic:** Better Start for Children with Disability

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

What is the latest available figure for funds expended under the Initiative that are:

- a) committed for children already registered under Better Start; and
- b) relate to recurrent operational costs outside the Department, especially registration, assessment, Gateway Advisors and provider panel costs?

**Answer:**

As at 31 January, there was \$5,375,691 spent on Better Start Early Intervention Services and the Registration and Information Service.