

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Topic: Funding for Closing the Gap targets directed to children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

What are all of the funding lines, and what allocation of funding is used, to advance early childhood development for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; Closing the Gap targets directed to children; prevention of child abuse and neglect of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; family support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families under multiple stressors?

Answer:

The 2012 Indigenous Expenditure Report prepared by the Steering Committee for the Report of Government Service Provision under the auspice of the Council of Australian Governments provides the most comprehensive estimates of Australian Government, and State and Territory governments expenditure on services provided to Indigenous Australians.

The report provides high level estimates of all government Indigenous expenditure including for the following categories:

- Child care services (includes estimates of expenditure on services related to subsidies for child care services, subsidies for child care services, and government owned and operated child care centres. Refer web-table W-I.3 for national level Australian and State/Territory government expenditure in 2010-11.)
- Preschool education (Refer web-table W-I.3 for national level Australian and State/Territory government expenditure in 2010-11.)
- Child protection and out-of-home care services (includes estimates of expenditure on services related to child protection notifications, child protection investigations and substantiations, child protection intervention, care and protection orders and out-of-home care services. Refer web-table W-I.11 for national level Australian and State/Territory government expenditure in 2010-11.)
- General family and youth support services (includes estimates of expenditure on services related to family support, intensive family support, and child support payments. Refer web-table W-I.11 for national level Australian and State/Territory government expenditure in 2010-11.)

The 2012 Indigenous Expenditure Report, web-tables and supporting information is available from the Productivity Commission website (www.pc.gov.au).