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Question No: 2

Topic: Business Contact Service

Hansard Page: Written question on notice

Senator Denman asked:

1. What is the aim of implementing Employer Reporting for Business Services to report employee earnings to Centrelink electronically?

The legislative changes that support Working Credit includes changes to the way employment income for most customers is assessed. From 20 September 2003, customers who have variable employment income will need to report to Centrelink every fortnight before they can be paid so that their payments are assessed correctly. Centrelink recognises that certain customers, particularly some DSP customers, will need help reporting each fortnight.

Centrelink is introducing Employer Reporting to assist customers working in Business Services with their new reporting requirements. Employer Reporting is a voluntary process for both Business Services and their employees, which provides the facility for the employer to electronically transfer the customer's earnings information to Centrelink.

2. What sort of information is Centrelink hoping to send and receive via this system?

Employer Reporting allows Business Services employers to report their employees' earnings directly to Centrelink on a regular basis. Centrelink will not be routinely sending any information to the Business Service. The only information Centrelink will provide the Business Service is the Customer Reference Number (CRN) after the customer has consented to the release of that information. The CRN and the Business Services' Payroll ID will be "matched" and used to verify that Centrelink is only receiving earnings information and assessing entitlement for the correct consenting customer.

3. Where is the legislative power to do this, particularly with sensitivity to the rights and privacy of these individuals and that these are individuals with disabilities and some may not fully understand - firstly, what it means to consent to the process, and later, the implications of the new system?

This initiative is one of a number of arrangements being put in place as part of the Working Credit initiative to assist people to report their earnings to Centrelink.

Centrelink ensures an informed consent process with customers and their carers or nominees which is confirmed in writing following the customer's agreement to participate. Once the customer has agreed to participate, the employer can transfer the earnings information directly to Centrelink and the information is used to assess the customer's next payment. The earnings' information is transferred via Centrelink's secure web site.

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The customer is required to provide this information under Section 68 of the Social Security Administration Act. The customer's consent creates an agency agreement whereby the Business Service reports information on the customer's behalf.

If customers choose to have their employer report their employment earnings for them they will not need to personally report to Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. They will still need to report other changes in their circumstances as they occur. The risk of customers being under or over paid is minimised through this process.

Earnings income reported through Employer Reporting will be considered verified and Centrelink will not ask for this information again through other review activity.

Customers will receive an **Earnings Statement** every 12 weeks which so that they are able to check that the income provided by the employer is correct. Changes of circumstances that must be notified are also set out in the statement.

Customers will be able to withdraw their consent at any time. If they do, they (or their nominee) will be responsible for reporting their earnings, as well as any other changes in circumstances, to Centrelink themselves.

4. As this is a voluntary system and not all organisations are going to participate - what is the point in having some organisations in this system and others not?

Employer Reporting is not dependent on 100% participation. The initiative offers employers an efficient option for assisting their employees with their reporting obligations to Centrelink, and provides an easy option for customers to meet their reporting requirements. Only those customers who have consented to participation will have their earnings reported to Centrelink via this reporting option. Employees of Business Services who choose not to participate in Employer Reporting will need to report their earnings using the access options available to all Centrelink customers.

5. Does Centrelink intend to make this voluntary option compulsory?

No. Employer Reporting offers customers an alternative to reporting their earnings fortnightly through the current access channels. Under the Working Credit initiative, customers with varying income will need to report their earnings to Centrelink. Customers will always be able to choose how they notify Centrelink of income or changes in circumstances.

6. Can Centrelink indicate how many organisations have agreed to participate in this system?

Currently there are two organisations participating in a pilot which is testing the concept.

They are reporting the earnings of approximately 260 Business Services staff. Consultations are occurring with a number of Business Services with a view to including them in Employer Reporting on an ongoing basis.

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- 7. Has Centrelink received any feedback on this service from organisations or the clients of these organisations?**

Both employers and employees from the two organisations participating in the pilot have provided positive feedback on the new arrangements.

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Question No: 5

Topic: IT Rollout

Hansard Page: CA266

Senator Bishop asked:

IT Rollout – Please give:

- (a) the blocks of moneys
- (b) the phasing of dates
- (c) the implementation dates for each of the blocks

Answer:

Please see attached.

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Question

IT Rollout - please give
a) the blocks of monies
b) the phasing dates
c) the implementation dates for each of the blocks

Answer

Funding for Enhanced IT Technology Capability. (in \$M)

Blocks of Projects	TOTAL YEARS	Phasing Dates					Implementation Date
		03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	
Portals	44.0	2.5	7.9	16.4	9.0	8.2	June 2004 -- Dec 2008
Data Services	70.8	8.4	11.3	26.3	17.4	7.4	June 2004-Dec 2008
Information Systems	67.1	5.9	9.2	16.5	16.7	18.8	July 2004 - June 2008
Technology Infrastructure	111.5	27.8	28.9	22.8	15.8	16.2	July 2004 - June 2008
Security	18.7	8.1	3.3	3.4	3.3	0.6	Dec 2004 - June 2007
TOTAL	312.1	52.7	60.6	85.4	62.2	51.2	

(Departmental funding revenue including capital.)

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Question No: 7

Topic: Dutch Pension Issue

Hansard Page: CA 285

Senator Mark Bishop asked:

Debt in relation to pensions –

With regard to the four agreement partners other than Holland that we currently have extant agreements with, do we have the figures for the numbers of people affected there, the average level of debt and the total debts?

Answer: Debt details for pensions from other countries are as follows:

USA

Numbers of people with a debt	611
The average level of debt	\$2,163
Total debts	\$1.32 million

Canada

Numbers of people with a debt	863
The average level of debt	\$391
Total debts	\$0.34 million

Austria

Numbers of people with a debt	1875
The average level of debt	\$626
Total debts	\$1.17 million

Spain

Debt information specific to the rate reviews of Spanish pensions is not available. The reviews were undertaken in 1999.

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Question No: 8

Topic: Dutch Pension Issue

Hansard Page: CA 286

Senator Mark Bishop asked:

Please provide a copy of the letter that was sent to customers by Centrelink talking about variations to exchange rates and telling customers that they did not need to advise Centrelink or the department of changes in exchange rates.

Answer: A copy of the letter is attached hereunder.

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Date of issue: 13 February 1998

Name of customer
Address

**This letter is about the way your overseas income and assets
affect your Social Security payment**

Dear

The amount of your Social Security payment depends on the Australian dollar value of your overseas income and assets.

We use an exchange rate to calculate how much your overseas income and assets are worth in Australian dollars. Because this is always changing we have introduced a system that updates the rate automatically each month. This system will start from 5 March 1998.

Each month, we will take the rate that was current 15 working days before the first Social Security pension payday in the month. This is the rate we will use for all paydays in that month.

We usually use the Commonwealth Bank's on-demand airmail buying rate as our exchange rate. If you get an Italian pension, we will use the rate from the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

Your Social Security payment will be updated automatically.
You do not have to contact us or tell us the exchange rates.

You will get a letter from us every 3 months showing the exchange rates we have used. If you want to know the current exchange rate, you can obtain this information by phoning our Overseas Income Exchange Rate Line on 1800 050 041.

If there is a difference of more than 5% between the exchange rate we used and the rate you actually received from your overseas income, you can request a reassessment. To do this, you will need to have something in writing, that shows how much you received. You can either post us this information or you may prefer to ring 131021 to make an appointment to go to your local Centrelink Office. However, remember that a new, updated exchange rate will be applied in the next month.

Yours sincerely
Centrelink Manager

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Question No: 6

Topic: Data Matching

Hansard Page: CA282

Senator Bishop asked: What proportion of income support recipients have a basic data match with their tax file number or that of their spouse's each year?

Answer: All income support recipients and their spouses are included in the Data-matching Program. The number released for review would vary according to the numbers detected as possible incorrect payments.

In the 2002-03 financial year there were 123,241 cases released for review where the income support recipient's income declared to Centrelink did not match the income they declared to the ATO. In addition, there were 15,155 cases released for review where the income of spouses who were not income support customers did not match with the income they declared to the ATO.

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Output Group: All

Question No: 9

Topic: Data Matching

Hansard Page: CA290

Senator Bishop asked: Can you confirm that there was no routine tax file number matching between income support recipients and their partners until the new pilot project announced last year?

Answer: In the Data-matching Program, partners are divided into two categories. These are:

- I. Those who are income support customers in their own right.
- II. Those who are not income support customers (non-customer partners).

Those in Category 1 have been included in the Program since its inception in 1991.

The approach to those in Category 2 has varied. The income of non-customer partners of Family Payment customers was matched from 1991 until this payment was replaced by Family Tax Benefit (FTB), and is now checked through the FTB reconciliation process. The income of non-customer partners of Parenting Payment recipients has been matched since 1998, and continues to be included.

Under the 2002-03 Budget pilot, matching commenced on non-customer partners of customers receiving pensions and employment assistance payments.

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Question No: 10

Topic: Data Matching

Hansard Page: CA291

Senator Bishop asked: How many matches to partners' tax file numbers have occurred under the pilot project?

Answer: As a result of matching conducted under the Widening Data-matching Pilot project, a total of 15,155 cases were available for review during the 2002-03 financial year.

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Output Group: Centrelink All

Question No: 11

Topic: Data Matching

Hansard Page: CA292

Senator Bishop asked: How many comparisons between a person and their partner are you going to do in this year's budget?

Answer: Centrelink expects to match approximately 10,000 income support recipients who have a partner not in receipt of an income support payment in the 2003-04 financial year.

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Question No: 12

Topic: Data Matching

Hansard Page: CA292

Senator Collins asked: How broad is your population? What is the size of the population that you run against the tax file records and the characteristics included in the matching program that trigger that number.

Answer: For each cycle in the Data-matching Program all Centrelink records except those for FTB customers are included in the matching process. The cases selected for review would vary according to the numbers detected as being possible incorrect payments.

The income matching process is designed to detect any anomalies between income information that Centrelink may hold for a customer and the income information the ATO holds. A number of elements have been included in the Program to address the different risks that have been identified for each of the types of payment that Centrelink administers. For example, the Program detects where a pension customer is receiving income from salary.

The number of Centrelink and Department of Veterans' Affairs records matched each cycle for 2002-03 against current financial year data, excluding FTB customers, was around 7.3 million. (The precise number varies from cycle to cycle as customers become eligible or ineligible for payment, based on their circumstances.)

The number of equivalent financial year ATO income records against which the data was matched is around 2.2 million (again the precise number varies from cycle to cycle).

The number of historical financial year Centrelink records matched each cycle, excluding FTB customers, was around 6.3 million (again the precise number varies from cycle to cycle).

The number of historical financial year ATO income records against which the data was matched is around 2.4 million (again the precise number varies from cycle to cycle).

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Question No: 13

Topic: Debt Recovery and credit cards

Hansard Page: CA303

Senator Bishop asked: Debt Recovery and credit cards - advise whether Centrelink's option to repay debts by credit card was referred to the minister's office and was approved at that time by her or whether it was simply a decision of the line people?

Answer: The decision to provide customers with a credit card repayment option was made by Centrelink on the basis of requests from customers. The decision was not referred to the then Minister's Office for approval.

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Question No: 14

Topic: Debt Recovery and credit cards

Hansard Page: CA305

Senator Bishop asked: Provide a copy of your new revised instructions to staff reminding them that it is not the policy to suggest repayment by credit card before other options.

Answer:

Centrelink debt recovery staff were advised on 27 May 2003 that:

“Recently, a major metropolitan newspaper reported a customer's claim that Centrelink attempted to force her to use her credit card to repay her debt.

As you know, the credit card payment facility is only one of a number of payment options available to customers. While Centrelink can advise customers of the credit card payment option, staff should never attempt to force customers to use their credit card to repay a debt.”

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Question No: 15

Topic: Use of credit cards to repay Centrelink debts

Hansard Page: CA 305

Senator Bishop asked:

- a) How many customers have repaid debts in a lump sum with a credit card by month since its inception;
- b) How many customers have made partial repayments with a credit card by month since its inception
- c) The average amount being billed to a customer's credit card for each transaction.

Answer:

Centrelink does not hold details of customers who repaid debts in a lump sum or made partial repayments with a credit card.

The following table provides the number of credit card payments and the average credit card payment by month from July 1998 processed by Centrelink. There is no data available for credit card payments made via Australia Post prior to October 2001.

Month	Credit Cards payments via Australia Post		Credit Cards payments via Centrelink	
	No of transactions	Average payment per transaction	No of transactions	Average amount per transaction
Jul-98	unavailable	unavailable	0	\$0
Aug-98	unavailable	unavailable	0	\$0
Sep-98	unavailable	unavailable	4	\$370
Oct-98	unavailable	unavailable	33	\$456
Nov-98	unavailable	unavailable	49	\$321
Dec-98	unavailable	unavailable	63	\$245
Jan-99	unavailable	unavailable	75	\$343
Feb-99	unavailable	unavailable	98	\$374
Mar-99	unavailable	unavailable	149	\$346
Apr-99	unavailable	unavailable	196	\$294
Jun-99	unavailable	unavailable	237	\$373
Jul-99	unavailable	unavailable	239	\$289
Aug-99	unavailable	unavailable	272	\$299
Sep-99	unavailable	unavailable	273	\$331
Oct-99	unavailable	unavailable	334	\$373
Nov-99	unavailable	unavailable	373	\$301
Dec-99	unavailable	unavailable	271	\$297
Jan-00	unavailable	unavailable	295	\$248
Feb-00	unavailable	unavailable	351	\$226
Mar-00	unavailable	unavailable	378	\$250
Apr-00	unavailable	unavailable	307	\$220
May-00	unavailable	unavailable	435	\$280

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Month	Credit Cards payments via Australia Post		Credit Cards payments via Centrelink	
	No of transactions	Average payment per transaction	No of transactions	Average amount per transaction
Jun-00	unavailable	unavailable	499	\$280
Jul-00	unavailable	unavailable	475	\$322
Aug-00	unavailable	unavailable	522	\$231
Sep-00	unavailable	unavailable	455	\$254
Oct-00	unavailable	unavailable	518	\$203
Nov-00	unavailable	unavailable	446	\$266
Dec-00	unavailable	unavailable	361	\$252
Jan-01	unavailable	unavailable	405	\$202
Feb-01	unavailable	unavailable	369	\$273
March-01	unavailable	unavailable	387	\$294
April-01	unavailable	unavailable	387	\$296
May-01	unavailable	unavailable	407	\$256
Jun-01	unavailable	unavailable	384	\$304
Jul-01	unavailable	unavailable	362	\$269
Aug-01	unavailable	unavailable	390	\$371
Sep-01	unavailable	unavailable	399	\$336
Oct-01	3,424	\$272	389	\$369
Nov-01	3,233	\$275	386	\$263
Dec-01	2,729	\$277	321	\$249
Jan-02	3,301	\$300	381	\$435
Feb-02	8,540	\$492	652	\$409
Mar-02	6,295	\$341	742	\$410
Apr-02	6,760	\$308	873	\$311
May-02	8,210	\$317	892	\$375
Jun-02	7,620	\$327	872	\$397
Jul-02	7,969	\$343	1,001	\$378
Aug-02	8,448	\$329	1,001	\$340
Sep-02	10,694	\$332	1,139	\$309
Oct-02	12,408	\$347	1,106	\$397
Nov-02	12,027	\$378	1,034	\$421
Dec-02	14,061	\$384	1,191	\$386
Jan-03	10,981	\$311	1,177	\$346
Feb-03	9,469	\$306	1,027	\$421
Mar-03	10,083	\$308	1,290	\$326
Apr-03	9,720	\$324	1,184	\$334
May-03	10,997	\$341	1,279	\$339

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Question No: 16

Topic: Centrelink's Forward Year ASL including impacts of 02-03 and 03-04 Federal Budgets

Hansard Page: CA 305

Senator Bishop asked: In the June round of estimates last year, Centrelink provided two tables of staffing over the forward estimates, one with a base ASL and the other the impact of the 2002-03 budget measures. They essentially showed for ASL a reduction in staff, from 22,833 down to 22,347 in the 2005-06 year, and the impact of the 2002-03 federal budget on Centrelink's staffing levels in table 2 was 670 in 2002-03, 824 in 2003-04, 1,121 in 2004-05 and 1,200 in 2005-06. Can you provide an updated table with base staffing over the forward estimates period, including the impact of the 2002-03 budget and the second table that details the staffing impact of the 2003-04 budget?

Answer: Centrelink's estimated ASL for the forward years is shown in the following table:

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
ASL Base	22,176	21,455	20,702	20,228
2002-03 Measures	825	1121	1200	1200
2003-04 Measures	679	705	587	397
Total Estimated ASL	23,680	23,281	22,489	21,825

Table 1: Forward year estimates of Centrelink ASL

Notes:

- Outyear estimates of ASL are calculated on known forward year revenue apportioned between salary and administrative expenses, using average salary rates;
- The outyear revenue figures do not include revenue assumptions for any future Federal Budget measures;

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Topic: Impact of the 1% Efficiency Dividend on forward year staffing estimates

Hansard Page: CA305

Senator Bishop asked: Provide a third table that shows the impact of the one percent efficiency dividend on staffing numbers over the same forward estimates period.

Answer: The efficiency dividend of 1% per annum is calculated and removed from Centrelink's revenue prior to commencement of the financial year, leaving a net revenue figure within which Centrelink plans and manages its budget.

The question is a theoretical one that cannot be readily answered given that Centrelink achieves its budget outcomes through a variety of measures, including internal business capability improvements. Any reductions to revenue do not translate directly to staffing reductions.

Note: The efficiency dividend of 1% per annum applies across Centrelink's base revenues as well as adjustments for new policy decisions. On total revenue of some \$2b per annum the dividend is approximately \$20m per annum.

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Topic: Average cost of a Centrelink Employee

Hansard Page: CA306

Senator Bishop asked: Do you have an average cost of a Centrelink employee, including on-costs?

Answer: For 2002-03 the average cost of a Centrelink employee, including on-costs, is \$77,480.

This figure is calculated by dividing the average staffing level for 2002-03 into Centrelink's total expenses for the following items:

- Salary;
- Staff related expenses eg. recruitment costs, Comcare premium, overtime meal allowance;
- Training;
- Travel, including vehicle leases;
- Property leases and outgoings eg. electricity, cleaning;
- Telephony;
- IT Leases and maintenance;
- Printing and photocopying;
- Office requisites;
- Financial expenses eg. Comcover, FBT

Note: All customer-related expenses are excluded from this calculation eg. 1300 telephone lines, postage, customer medicals, printing and forms production, Australian Valuation Office

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Question No: 19

Topic: Customer Service Officers in Area and Call Networks.

Hansard Page: CA306

Senator Bishop asked: How many customer service officers are there in the network? How many in the call centre? – by salary, by overtime, by superannuation?

- **Answer:** The following table provides the data as at May 2003.

CSO's	ASL	Staff	Ave. Annual Salary	Ave. Annual Super	Ave. Annual Overtime
Area Network	17,745	19,164	\$44,296	\$6,063	\$994
Call Network	4,628	5,033	\$42,120	\$5,542	\$209

Table 1: All staff in Area and Call Networks as at May 2003

Definitions:

ASL – is Average Staffing Level. This figure is derived by calculating part time staff as a percentage of fulltime hours and excludes staff on long-term leave without pay i.e. greater than 12 weeks. For example a staff member who works 2 days per week is an ASL count of 0.4; a staff member on long-term LWOP has a zero count. ASL is the most commonly used methodology for calculating affordable staffing levels.

Staff – this count is the total number of ‘heads’ employed i.e. on the ‘books’, regardless of part time or full time employment and/or long-term absences.

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Output Group: Centrelink

Question No: 20

Topic: Centrelink's Community Agent Program

Hansard Page: CA 329

Senator McLucas asked:

What is the ongoing training and support that you provide, and how do you do it, given that the person is quite remote?

Answer:

Ongoing training and support is provided to Centrelink Agents using a comprehensive suite of tools. The available suite was developed prior to the implementation of the Integrated Centrelink Agent and Access Point Servicing Model on 1 July 2002.

The suite consists of the following;

- Annual 2 day formal training for each Agent site with optional national accreditation learning opportunities;
- Periodical on-site face to face support and mentoring provided by Centrelink Remote Visiting Team (RVT) staff;
- An Internet enabled computer, fax and printer and a dedicated Centrelink Agent Coordinator for technical/IT hardware support who is located in the parent Customer Service Centre (CSC);
- A telecommunications package which provides access to Centrelink Call Centre for payment and services related support;
- A hard copy of the Agents Resource Information folder which is retained on-site by the Agent; and
- A Centrelink Agent CD that contains information on payments and services and the latest Centrelink forms and fact sheets. (Updated quarterly)

Agent training is scheduled and managed from the parent CSC or Area Office. Funding is provided to meet associated costs. Training facilitators are generally Centrelink staff from the parent CSC who may accompany a RVT on a community visit or schedule a specific visit in order to deliver the training.

Ongoing support channels are established during these trips, whereby Agents can call the Centrelink Agent Coordinator or Centrelink Call Centre for assistance.

Alternately in some Areas, the Specified Personnel may be brought into a central location and trained as a group.

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Output Group: Centrelink

Question No: 21

Topic: Centrelink's Community Agent Program

Hansard Page: CA 330

Senator McLucas asked:

In terms of the number of people who are being provided as the Community Agents, what is the turnover of people through those positions?

Answer:

Centrelink contracts Host Organisations to provide services in these communities. It is the responsibility of Host Organisations to determine who will fulfil the role as the Specified Personnel.

The turn over of Agent Specified Personnel in the last 12 – 18 months has been minor. Most Specified Personnel have been fulfilling this role for more than 12 months.

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Output Group: Centrelink

Question No: 22

Topic: Abstudy changes

Hansard Page: CA 332

Senator McLucas asked:

Abstudy changes – please provide the number of children who were at school on 26 January.

Answer:

Centrelink is not able to provide statistical data on the number of children who were at school on 26 January as this data is not collected by Centrelink.

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Topic: ESC3

Hansard page: Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

Context : (Mr Havlat said: In this current financial year there would be a rollover to the ESC3 process for next year, so there will be a rebuilding or some reconsideration of some functions into next year. But in this year, as far as I know, it is basically the same thing).

1. What functions will be subject to reconsideration?
2. What Centrelink staffing and other functions will alter as a result of changed arrangements under ESC 3?
3. What is the dollar value of any changes?
4. Have any functions (staffing or otherwise) been transferred to
 - a. Job Network providers
 - b. DEWR
 - c. Been abolished

Answer:

1. What functions will be subject to reconsideration?

With the introduction of the Active Participation Model (ESC 3) on 1 July 2003, Centrelink has responsibility for the following functions:

- streamlined referral of job seekers to the Job Network;
- allocation of job seekers to one Job Network Members (JNM) for the life of their unemployment;
- allocation and booking of job seeker appointments through the JNM electronic diary;
- approval of Job Search Plans (JSP) for JNMs and Community Work Coordinators (CWC) from September 2003;
- referral of job seekers to participation programs and services, noting that from 1 July JNMs will also be able to refer job seekers to these complementary programs; and
- JSCI Supplementary Assessments (JSAs) after JNMs have updated information that may have revised the job seekers JSCI and subsequently require further assessment.

2. What Centrelink staffing and other functions will alter as a result of changed arrangements under ESC 3?

Centrelink is currently in the process of negotiating a new Business Partnership Arrangement (BPA) with DEWR for 2003-06. The new BPA will articulate DEWR's policy outcome, services to be delivered and Centrelink's associated costs.

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3. What is the dollar value of any changes?

The financial impact of ESC 3 on Centrelink's revenue will not be known until the negotiation of the BPA has been finalised. There will be some further implementation costs for 2003-2004 that will be subject to a separate costing process with DEWR.

4. Have any functions (staffing or otherwise) been transferred to

a) Job Network providers?

Under ESC3 Job Network Members will have the capacity to make referrals to a range of complementary programs (eg: Voluntary Work; and Language Literacy and Numeracy). They will also have the ability to input information that could change a Jobseeker's JSCI.

b) DEWR?

DEWR contract managers will manage Job Network Member exits, these where previously managed by Centrelink.

c) Been abolished?

No.

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Output Group:

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Topic: JET

Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

JET

- (i) Please detail the number of JET officers employed
 - a) by classification
 - b) by State
 - c) by Centrelink region?

- (ii) Please detail the number of personal advisers
 - a) by classification
 - b) by State
 - c) by Centrelink region who will provide services to parents?

- (iii) Please provide details of the number of personal advisers
 - a) by classification
 - b) by State
 - c) by Centrelink region?

- (iv) Please provide a breakdown of personal advisers by salary level?

- (v) Please provide details of the number of clients
 - a) per day
 - b) per year it is estimated each Personal Adviser will assist?

- (vi) Please detail
 - a) the number of childcare places currently available under JET and estimated over the forward estimates period?
 - b) total funding available under JET per annum for childcare?

- (vii) Please provide the average cost, per person for a JET childcare place?

- (viii) Please detail the number of VET places or other training places for JET clients?

- (ix) Please detail total funding available under JET per annum for VET?

- (x) Please provide the average cost per person for a JET VET place?

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Answer:

(i)(a) 153 JET Advisers (combination of full time and part time) at Centrelink 3 level (APS 5)

(b) We are unable to provide details by state as some areas cross state boundaries

(c) By Centrelink region as follows:

Area West Vic	13
Area Sth East Vic	7
Area Pacific Central	10
Area Brisbane	10
Area Tasmania	5
Area West NSW	7
Area South West NSW	15
Area South Australia	16
Area South Metro NSW	6
Area North Central Vic	9
Area North Australia	7
Area Hunter NSW	8
Area East Coast	12
Area Central & North Qld	9
Area West Australia	19

(ii) (a) 456 Personal Advisers at Centrelink 2 level (APS 3-4)

(b) We are unable to provide details by state as some areas cross state boundaries

*(c) by Centrelink region

Area West Vic	25
Area Sth East Vic	25
Area Pacific Central	42
Area Brisbane	43
Area Tasmania	14
Area West NSW	24
Area South West NSW	28
Area South Australia	39
Area South Metro NSW	23

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Are North Central Vic	36
Area North Australia	24
Area Hunter NSW	29
Area East Coast	25
Area Central & North Qld	30
Area West Australia	49

* Personal Advisers provide a generic participation servicing role to AWT customers from all target groups including:

- Parenting customers;
- Mature Age customers over 50;
- Better Assessment At Risk customers (i.e. Indigenous, Activity Test Exempt and Prison Release); and,
- Customers who have a temporary Incapacity.

(iii) Answers are the same as for (ii)

(iv) Appointments to Centrelink commenced at the base salary of \$34,907. Successful applicants from Centrelink and transferring from other Commonwealth employment were appointed at a salary level corresponding to their existing salary. Personal Advisers are employed at the Centrelink 2 level (APS3-4).

Pay Point 1	308	\$36,303
Pay Point 2	8	\$37,246
Pay Point 3	3	\$38,191
Pay Point 4	1	\$39,182
Pay Point 5	46	\$40,459
Pay Point 6	16	\$41,746
Pay Point 7	11	\$42,832
Pay Point 8	36	\$43,931
Pay Point 9	27	\$45,128

(v) (a) and (b)

There are no rigid targets in relation to the number of customers per day, per year a Personal Adviser would see. The number of customers meeting a Personal Adviser will vary depending on the location and the individual circumstances of customers. An approximate guideline was set at 5 initial interviews or 5 hours of interviewing per day.

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(vi)(a)

There is no fixed number of childcare places available under JET. Rather, JET Child Care provides assistance with finding a childcare place in existing childcare services and with covering the costs of the "gap fee", the difference between the Child Care Benefit and the full fee charged. Approximately 12,000 JET eligible parents were referred to the JET Child Care program in 2002-2003. Customer numbers are estimated to increase by 1,500 per annum.

(b)

Funding for JET Child Care for 2002-03 was \$14.043m. The funding for 2003-04 is \$14.969m.

(vii)

The average amount of child care fee assistance paid for JET customers is \$38.17 per week for an average duration of 23 weeks. Therefore, the average amount of childcare fee assistance paid per JET customer is \$877.91.

(viii) Please detail the number of VET places or other training places for JET clients?

JET customers do not have specific placements for VET courses. They are included in the total number of income support customers referred to VET courses.

(ix) See answer to (viii) above.

(x) See answer to (viii) above.

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Question No: 146

Topic: Financial Statements, PBS

Hansard Page: CA440/Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked: What is 'Other' - on page 293 of the portfolio budget statement, the AIFS budget statement of financial performance for the period ended 30 June?

Answer:

It relates to a number of miscellaneous items including things like reimbursements for expenses to attend meetings and conferences; interlibrary loans fees; photocopying charges etc. These revenues amount to close to fifty thousand dollars a year, and are budgeted consistently across the PBS out-years for this reason.

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies

Question No: 147

Topic: Project Budgets

Hansard Page: CA440/Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

We would be able to get from you a list of all the current projects you are working on and how much they are worth?

Answer:

Appropriation Funded Projects	2003-04 Budget	
Research Operations	10,384	
Survey Operations	79,974	
Family Trends Analysis	62,438	
Research - General	23,000	
Total Research- General		175,796
Program A - General	86,376	
Child Care in Cultural Context	54,194	
Australian Temperament Project	93,764	
Development in Diverse Families	158,097	
Total Program A		392,431
Program B - General	17,867	
Caring for Children After Separation	202,728	
Older Couples	13,395	
Family Transitions Analysis	30,616	
Family Law Developments	13,611	
Marriage in Australia	26,003	
Total Program B		304,220
Program C - General	44,886	
Families Social Capital and Citizenship	37,698	
Family and Work Decisions	205,939	
Families in Poverty	57,070	
Implications of Relationship Breakdown	18,600	
Living Alone	54,256	
Dynamics of Low Income and Welfare Reliance	10,480	
Total Program C		428,929
Research Total		1,301,376

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Current Contracts/Grants				
Projects	Client	Completion Date	Total 03-04	Contract Total
Longitudinal Study of Aust Children (Growing Up in Aust)	Dept of Family & Community Services	June-11	3,749,409	17,098,000
Child Protection Clearing House	Dept of Family & Community Services	June-04	306,525	894,147
Stronger Families Clearing House	Dept of Family & Community Services	June-04	400,000	1,061,500
Stronger Families Learning Exchange	Dept of Family & Community Services	June-04	1,270,000	1,851,603
Australian Temperament - Crime Prevention Victoria Study	Victorian Dept of Justice	April-04	65,000	155,000
Household, Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia Survey	Dept of Family & Community Services	June-04	13,680	55,280
Fertility Decision Making	Office of Status of Women	June-04	95,000	250,000
Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault	Office of Status of Women	June-05	488,625	1,198,208
Childcare Choices	Aust Research Council -Grant	June-05	19,755	62,765
Donor Insemination	Aust Fertility Social Research - Grant	June-04	18,415	36,808
Australian Temperament - Driving Behaviour Study	RACV & TAC - Collaboration	June-04	41,000	73,800
Total Budget			6,467,409	22,737,111

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies Question No: 148

Topic: Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault – Reference Group

Hansard Page: CA442

Senator Moore asked:

When that reference group is determined, can you let us know who they are?

Answer:

At the time of preparing this answer, the Reference Group had not been appointed. The names will be on the Centre's web site, once they have been confirmed.

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies Question No: 149

Topic: Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault, Reference Group

Hansard Page: CA442/Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

Do you know how big that group is going to be – Please confirm.

Answer:

The intended size of the reference group is nine members.

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies

Question No: 151

Topic: Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault, Staffing

Hansard Page: CA445 Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

Dr Tomison, when you get your staffing in place, can we get something from you to say that that has been concluded and who the successful researchers are and a little about their background? That will be public. You have mentioned your own experience in this area. Could we get a little information about the people when they are appointed?

Answer:

Dr Adam Tomison, (Exec 2), (BSc Hons Deakin) (PhD Monash). Will be the Unit Manager for the Centre. Dr Tomison is currently an Acting Principal Research Fellow at the Institute where he has management responsibility for the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault, the National Child Protection Clearinghouse and the Training and Support Team of the Stronger Families Learning Exchange.

Dr Melanie Heenan, (BA Hons) (PhD Monash), has been appointed *Senior Research Fellow (Exec 2)* with responsibility for the research advisory functions of the centre. Dr Heenan has an extensive background in research on sexual assault, most recently as a Research Officer with the Victorian Law Reform Commission (2000-2003), where she was involved in the Commission's current reference investigating the reform of sexual assault legislation.

Alexandra Neame, (BA Hons Queensland) has been appointed Research Officer (APS4) to Provide research assistance and support to the Centre. Ms Neame is currently undertaking post-graduate studies in the field of sexual assault.

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies Question No: 156

Topic: Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault – Linkages

Hansard Page: CA 444

Senator Moore asked:

Is it possible – I am not quite sure whom I should ask – to get a briefing note on the kinds of organisations you are wanting to set up that kind of linkage with and the kinds of processes you are using?

Answer:

With the employment of research staff at the Centre, a primary task is therefore to identify key bodies (in consultation with OSW and the ACSSA Reference Group) and to undertake a series of meetings to promote the Centre and to strengthen linkages. This process has already begun. For example, contacts have been made with the Australian Institute of Criminology and the Victorian CASA network.

At this stage the following key stakeholder groups have been identified:

Government agencies (State and Commonwealth):

- Attorneys-General
- Health & Human Services
- Ministers for Women Affairs
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Bureaux of Crime Statistics

Police services

- Specialist sexual assault units
- Community liaison personnel (Gay & Lesbian; Indigenous; CALD)

The legal sector:

- Judiciary and the Courts
 - Departments of Public Prosecution
 - Other legal practitioners

Non-government agencies running sexual assault and violence prevention programs

- National Assoc of Services Against Sexual Violence (NASAV)
- Other sexual assault treatment, counselling and support (professionals and agencies)
- Women's refuge and SAAP programs

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Community advocacy groups (women's groups; men's groups; anti-violence groups):
Health and medical services

- Peak professional associations (e.g. AMA)
- Forensic physicians and sexual health practitioners

Indigenous communities:

- peak bodies
- service providers
- specialist sexual health services and/or crisis services
- men's groups
- drug/alcohol services

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities (CALD)

- peak bodies
- service providers
- specialist sexual health services and/or crisis services
- men's groups
- drug/alcohol services

Adult survivors of sexual abuse

- Key service providers and advocacy groups

Aged Care and the Disability sector

- Key service providers & peak bodies

Rural and remote communities:

- Key service providers
- Community groups (e.g. Country Women's Association)

Sex Workers:

- Support and advocacy groups (e.g. Sex Workers Outreach Project NSW)

Academic sector:

- Sexual assault experts and key research centres
- Violence against women general
- Violence in Indigenous/CALD communities
- Key statutory agencies (e.g. Australian Institute of Health & Welfare)

Key international agencies

- UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

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Promotion of the Centre

- The promotion of the Centre will be achieved using a number of strategies, including the publication and distribution of promotional materials, publicity in existing Institute publications, and electronically, via the development of the Centre's website on the Institute's homepage.
- The Institute will encourage established sexual assault organisations to publicise the existence of the Centre in their publications or on their mailing lists;
- The research staff will promote the Centre via membership of and attendance at peak body and other interagency meetings; by accepting opportunities to conduct public and professional information dissemination; and through the administration and promotion of the Centre at Institute and other external conferences and seminars.
- In addition to the provision of on-line resources and enabling stakeholders to access the Centre via telephone/email/fax, the Centre's research staff will explore additional ways to provide support to *rural and remote* stakeholders. For example, the provision of rural-remote education and training seminars has proven to be an important way of engaging with rural and remote communities.

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Question No: 152

Topic: Dr Catherine Hakim

Hansard Page: CA446 Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

Please provide a list of Dr Hakim's visits and engagements that you coordinated for her around the conference. Can you just include the range of activities that Dr Hakim was involved in when she was here? You may well have the full list of costings then, as well, and what that involved.

Answer:

Monday 10th February	Parliament House, Canberra Meeting with John Perrin, Social Policy advisor to Prime Minister Seminar to Parliamentary Liberal Party, hosted by Minister for Ageing, The Hon. Kevin Andrews, MP Dinner with Minister for Ageing, Kevin Andrews and others.
Wednesday 12th	Keynote address to Australian Institute of Family Studies Conference, Melbourne
Tuesday 18th February	Meeting with Professor Bob Gregory, Australian National University, Division of Economics, Research School of Social Sciences Seminar hosted by Professor Peter McDonald, Australian National University, Demography & Sociology Program, Research School of Social Sciences
Wednesday 19th February	Two seminars for the Department of Family and Community Services, in Canberra.
Tuesday 25th February	Seminar at Department of Social Enquiry, Adelaide University hosted by Dr Barbara Pocock.
Wednesday 26th February	Meeting with Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone, Minister for Family and Community Services, in Adelaide
Thursday 27th February	Seminar at the Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney
Friday 28th February	Meeting with Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Pru Goward, Sydney

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Topic: Conference Costs

Hansard Page: CA447 Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

When you do finalise those costs—because we still do not have the total costs of the conference—can we get that information?

Answer:

The total costs to the Institute, including international and domestic airfares, transfers, accommodation, taxes and speaking fees for Dr Hakim's visit were \$13,570.

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies Question No: 150

Topic: AIFS Conference

Hansard Page: CA445 /Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

How much did the AIFS conference of February 2003 cost?

Answer:

Total costs: \$208,321 of which \$207,940 was recovered from registration fees. The Institute made a contribution of \$381.80 from core funds.

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies

Question No: 154

Topic: National Child Protection Clearinghouse

Hansard Page: CA447 Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

Please provide a list of what research and policy advice the clearing house has been asked to provide in the past two years?

Across the board: what has your clearinghouse been used to clear?

Answer:

Research and Policy Advice

Over the past two financial years (2000/01 to 2002/03) Clearinghouse staff made approximately 130-140 responses per month to requests for advice. An overview of the topics covered in stakeholder requests is provided below.

Aspects of child maltreatment

- Definitions of the types of maltreatment
- The 'signs' or risk factors that a child is being maltreated
- Abuse of adolescents
- Adolescent sex offenders
- Autism
- Indigenous communities
- Internet
- Perpetrators
- Physical punishment
- Youth suicide
- Child deaths
- Children's exposure to domestic violence
- Parents with a mental disorder
- Parents or children with disabilities
- Substance –abusing parents
- Female sex offenders
- Munchausen's by proxy
- Neglect (esp. chronic neglect)
- The role of family structure
- Single parent and blended families
- The role of poverty

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Effects of child abuse

- Causes and effects of child maltreatment
- Cause and risk factors for sexual abuse:
 - Sexualised behaviour
 - Revictimisation and/or re-offending
- The short and long-term effects of child maltreatment:
 - Intergenerational abuse – the ‘cycle of violence’
 - Firesetting

Child and family support

- Community education campaigns & information resources
- Early intervention programs
- ‘One stop shop’ service models
- Dance/drama therapy
- Engaging men in responding to child maltreatment
- Facilitated communication
- Guidelines for people working with children and the development of staff police checks and assessments
- Interagency coordination and communication
- Parent education programs (and the effectiveness of particular models)
- Professional training programs
- Programs for children who have been exposed to parental domestic violence
- Sex offender programs:
 - Recidivism
 - Child offender programs
- The role of mediation services
- The role of schools:
 - peer programs
 - personal safety programs
 - healthy relationship programs
- Trends in the provision of preventative programs
- Youth services & youth participation in decision making

Child protection services

- Review or comparison of:
 - State/Territory statutory services
 - International policies and practice
- Interagency coordination and communication
- Risk assessment practice
- Specific programs (e.g. intake call centres)
- Current issues in service provision
- Future directions in service provision
- Reporting of child abuse, including mandatory reporting
- Worker issues including stress and/or burnout in child protection services

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Out-of-home care

- The nature (and changes to the provision) of out-of-home care services:
 - Adoption & temporary care
 - Kinship foster care
 - Indigenous out-of-home care
 - Permanency planning
- Institutional or systems abuse

Preventing child abuse and other family violence

- Balancing prevention – undertaking secondary ('at risk' families) and tertiary (maltreating families) prevention
- The relationship between statutory child protection services and the wider family support system
- Key strategies to prevent child abuse and neglect
- Risk and protective factors – promoting resiliency
- Preventing sexual assault
- Prevention in rural-remote communities

Research & program evaluation

- Adapting research for practice:
 - Evidence-based practice
 - Program evaluations & measures of effectiveness
 - Cost/benefits studies of child abuse prevention (and programs)
- Statistics on:
 - Incidence of child maltreatment
 - Prevalence studies
 - National child protection statistics
 - Child deaths

Other

- Advice on the process of moderating electronic discussion lists
- International use of salary levies to fund spending on child protection and out-of-home care
- Identification of other key centres, researchers and/or consultants

What does the Clearinghouse clear?

As part of the Clearinghouse advisory role, the Australian Institute of Family Studies maintains a Help Desk service in the Institute's library. The Help Desk is staffed by experienced reference librarians who answer general queries from stakeholders regarding child abuse and child abuse prevention. These requests are received via telephone, fax, mail, email, or can be delivered in person. Staff respond to queries by drawing on the resources of the research library and all in-house databases, and can also access external on-line and Internet services, when necessary.

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Requests for more specialised information and advice are referred to the Clearinghouse research staff. In responding to requests, research staff undertake tasks ranging from:

- providing specialised literature searches;
- reviewing policy and other written material;
- contributing to government reviews and inquiries;
- producing written analyses or briefing documents on particular topics;
- assisting service providers to develop program evaluations;
- contributing or developing seminars or other presentations;
- conducting site visits or meetings with stakeholders to provide advice on policy or practice issues; and,
- facilitating interagency networking by identifying other key centres, researchers and/or consultants with whom contact may be beneficial.

The Clearinghouse distributes its publications to a free mailing list of 7800 members (as of June 2003). Approximately one fifth of the current Clearinghouse mail list is comprised of government agencies and staff (federal, state and local), ensuring that Clearinghouse material is widely disseminated and utilised in the government sphere.

The provision of specialist advice to policy makers, in particular the Australian Council for Children and Parenting (ACCAP) and personnel from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services – is undertaken as required.

The Clearinghouse has established strong relationships with relevant Commonwealth departments and agencies, with State and Territory statutory child protection departments, and a range of criminal justice, health and education departments. This has been achieved, in part, via the provision of specialist advice on aspects of child maltreatment, child protection, child abuse prevention and the relationship between child maltreatment and other forms of family violence. This advice has taken the form of responding to requests for advice, conducting literature searches, providing briefings, seminars, presentations and via the completion of contracted research tasks.

Web Pages Downloaded

On-line access to the Clearinghouse Website provides a further means of demonstrating the information provision role played by the Clearinghouse.

Year	Clearinghouse Web site total	Clearinghouse Publications
2001-2002	250,780	143,435
2002-2003 (until May 31)	337,787	211,438

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Output Group: Australian Institute of Family Studies **Question No: 155**

Topic: National Child Protection Clearinghouse

Hansard Page: CA448 Written question on notice

Senator Moore asked:

What kinds of requests you have had from government in terms of research in the past two years?

Answer:

In addition to providing specialist advice to government departments and agencies (at the Commonwealth, State and Local levels), the Clearinghouse has received and responded to a number of requests to undertake primary and secondary research projects.

2001-02

In 2001-02, the Clearinghouse undertook two contract-funded secondary analyses of key child protection issues.

- A report was completed for the South Australian Department of Human Services focused on the identification of strategic directions in child protection practice.
- A report was prepared on child maltreatment in Aboriginal communities for the Western Australian Government Inquiry into Responses by Government Agencies to Complaints of Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities.

2002-03

In 2002, the Clearinghouse explored the feasibility of tendering for a comparative study assessing the relative costs (per child) of providing child protection services in each Australian state and territory for the Productivity Commission. However, the study was not undertaken because of pre-existing projects.

In 2003, the Clearinghouse assisted the NSW Department of Community Services (via the NSW Parenting and Research Centre) to develop a child protection research strategy and with advice on the development and effectiveness of risk assessment measures, and the re-development of child protection intake services.

In June 2003, the NSW Department of Community Services requested the Clearinghouse to consider tendering for a short-term study of the efficacy of risk assessment measures for the NSW child protection system. This offer was not taken up as the project was not considered suitable at the time.

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Output Group: All**Question No:** 165

Topic:

Hansard Page: Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

1. As at the Budget 2003-2004 please provide the latest detailed four year forward estimates expenditure for all administered appropriations across all output groups (including final estimates for 2002-2003)?
2. As at the Budget 2003-2004 please provide the latest detailed four year forward estimates of customer numbers for each administered payment across all output groups (including final estimates for 2002-2003)?
3. As at the Budget 2003-2004 please provide the latest detailed four year forward estimates of average payment rates for each administered payment across all output groups (including final estimates for 2002-2003)?

Answer:

Attachment A summarises the expenditure estimates for the FaCS portfolio for 2002-03 to 2006-07, current as at the 2003-04 Budget. These estimates reflect assumptions about economic parameters (the unemployment rate, CPI, and Male Total Average Weekly Earnings), expected changes in customer numbers and the expected impacts of announced policy changes. Accordingly, the estimates are revised regularly as assumptions are refined in the light of emerging trends.

Attachment B summarises the customer numbers relating to the special appropriation payments for the FaCS portfolio for 2002-03 to 2006-07, current as at the current as at the 2003-04 Budget.

Attachment C summarises the average payment rates of customers relating to the special appropriation payments for the FaCS portfolio for 2002-03 to 2006-07, current as at the 2003-04 Budget.

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Family and Community Services Portfolio - 2003-04 Budget Estimates
Forward Estimates of Administered Expenses

Administered Item	2002-03 \$m	2003-04 \$m	2004-05 \$m	2005-06 \$m	2006-07 \$m
Outcome 1 Stronger Families					
Items applicable across Outcome 1					
Ex Gratia - payments and savings provisions for DVA pensioners receiving Family Tax Benefit A and Child Care Benefit	0.527	0.541	0.553	0.553	0.553
National Secretariats	0.683	0.694	0.702	0.711	0.720
ts to Universities and other organisations for special studies and research	0.081	0.083	0.085	0.086	0.088
Sub-Total	1.291	1.318	1.340	1.350	1.361
Output Group 1.1 - Family Assistance					
Child Abuse Prevention	4.021	4.113	4.208	4.300	4.395
Family Adjustment Payment	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Grants to Family Relationship Support Organisations (including payments under the Family Law Act 1975 and the Marriage Act 1961)	27.719	29.515	30.176	30.833	31.503
Indigenous parenting and Family Well-being	2.084	1.869	1.912	1.956	2.001
Services for Families with Children	7.941	8.047	8.142	8.230	8.319
Stronger Families & Communities Strategy - Families Initiatives	17.999	27.197	32.104	32.841	33.598
Family and Youth Support (National Illicit Drug Strategy) SPP	4.875	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Services for families with children SPP	0.371	0.376	0.381	0.385	0.390
Double Orphan Pension	2.015	2.063	2.100	2.144	2.195
Family Tax Benefit	10,657.770	11,252.532	11,684.580	12,128.081	12,515.791
Maternity Allowances	218.262	222.653	227.589	233.386	238.195
Sub-Total	10,943.077	11,548.365	11,991.192	12,442.156	12,836.387
Output Group 1.2 - Youth and Students Support					
Green Corps	23.082	23.520	24.061	24.591	25.132
Job Placement, Employment and Training Program	18.507	19.400	19.643	20.072	20.512
Mentor Marketplace	0.802	1.372	2.250	0.000	0.000
Reconnect (Youth Homelessness)	19.244	20.179	20.417	20.657	20.901
Targeted Youth Assistance Programme	2.004	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Transition to Independent Living Allowance	0.897	2.560	2.560	2.560	2.560
Youth Activities Services	6.733	6.923	6.903	6.978	7.053
Youth Allowance - Ex-Gratia Payments to Former Recipients in South Australia	0.175	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.000
Austudy Payment	263.690	282.590	294.269	302.561	313.732
Fares Allowance	1.500	1.500	1.493	1.493	1.493
Student Financial Supplement Scheme	129.837	87.140	46.220	36.185	28.166
Youth Allowance	2,240.832	2,296.661	2,369.545	2,427.911	2,474.096
Sub-Total	2,707.303	2,741.865	2,787.361	2,843.008	2,893.645
Output Group 1.3 - Child Support					
Child Support Agency - Payments to cover cheque dishonours	3.606	4.209	4.633	5.099	5.609
Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988 - Payment to cover shortfalls in the Child Support Trust Account	81.404	90.585	95.114	99.823	104.864
Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988 - Unexplained Remittances	0.149	0.180	0.189	0.198	0.208
Sub-Total	85.159	94.974	99.936	105.120	110.681

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Output Group 1.4 - Child Care Support

Child Care Assistance	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Child Care for eligible parents undergoing training	14.043	14.969	15.354	15.735	16.125
Support for Child Care	180.906	191.523	195.268	198.901	202.605
Support for Childcare SPP	10.301	9.520	9.728	9.931	10.138
Child Care Benefit	1,479.563	1,595.632	1,722.571	1,849.728	1,981.508
Sub-Total	1,685.813	1,811.644	1,942.921	2,074.295	2,210.376

Total Stronger Families	15,422.643	16,198.166	16,822.750	17,465.929	18,052.450
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Outcome 2 Stronger Communities

Items applicable across Outcome 2

National Secretariats	0.683	0.694	0.702	0.711	0.720
Sub-Total	0.683	0.694	0.702	0.711	0.720

Output Group 2.1 - Housing Support

Family homelessness Prevention and Early intervention pilot	1.365	1.311	0.000	0.000	0.000
National Housing Priorities	0.358	0.364	0.374	0.381	0.390
National Housing Research	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420
Supported Accommodation Assistance Program - National Priorities	0.808	0.808	0.811	0.000	0.000
Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (for expenditure under the <i>Housing Assistance Act 1996</i>)	1,027.834	929.875	941.621	943.519	955.568
Social Housing Subsidy Program	2.130	2.130	2.130	2.130	2.130
Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (for expenditure under the <i>Supported Accommodation Assistance Act 1994</i>)	167.408	171.260	175.200	179.055	182.994
Sub-Total	1,200.323	1,106.168	1,120.556	1,125.505	1,141.502

Output Group 2.2 - Community Support

Business and Community Sector Partnerships	0.151	7.013	6.123	0.000	0.000
Emergency Relief Program	29.134	28.895	29.647	29.676	30.388
Ex gratia payments to victims of the Bali disaster and family members of victims	2.653	0.748	0.000	0.000	0.000
Family and Community Network Initiative	0.822	1.776	1.829	2.383	2.436
Indigenous housing and infrastructure - expand the supply of healthy housing	2.500	3.000	3.000	0.000	0.000
National Research on Gambling	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.500
Payments under s.33 of <i>FMA Act 1997</i>	0.150	0.150	0.070	0.070	0.070
Payments under special circumstances	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005
Reimbursements to Great Southern Rail for concessional fares	6.075	6.399	6.743	7.039	7.039
Stronger Families & Communities Strategy - Communities Initiatives	12.846	14.146	17.122	17.516	17.919
Volunteer Management Program	1.614	1.635	1.657	1.694	1.731
Compensation for extension of fringe benefits to pensioners and older long term allowees and beneficiaries	178.258	184.997	191.628	198.538	202.906
Concessions for Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Holders SPP	9.935	45.254	78.974	83.617	83.614
National Reciprocal Transport Concessions for State Seniors Card Holders	2.612	5.600	5.800	6.100	6.100
Sub-Total	247.255	300.118	343.098	347.138	352.708

Total Stronger Communities	1,448.261	1,406.980	1,464.356	1,473.354	1,494.930
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Outcome 3 Economic and Social Participation

Items applicable across Outcome 3

National Secretariats	0.683	0.694	0.702	0.711	0.720
Payments to Universities and other organisations for special studies and research	0.082	0.082	0.084	0.084	0.087
Sub-Total	0.765	0.776	0.786	0.795	0.807

Output Group 3.1 - Labour Market Assistance

Payment to voluntary work agencies	2.206	3.260	3.774	3.862	3.947
Personal Support Program	30.682	42.928	57.223	64.719	64.719
Welfare Reform Consultative Forum	0.400	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.000
Bereavement Allowance	0.942	0.957	0.989	1.010	1.052
Mature Age Allowance	381.596	361.889	280.069	173.568	104.166
Newstart Allowance	4,832.812	5,051.050	5,953.895	6,273.183	6,288.202
Parenting Payment (Partnered and Single)	5,742.173	5,948.075	6,169.719	6,499.182	6,863.051
Partner Allowance (Benefit)	350.348	278.950	148.972	48.886	45.938
Partner Allowance (Pension)	509.348	492.924	378.494	249.836	238.237
Pensioner Education Supplement	68.197	74.721	87.519	93.954	101.258
Special Benefit	112.773	131.014	162.369	192.710	203.762
Widow Allowance	429.084	480.537	530.802	596.927	656.514
Sub-Total	12,460.561	12,866.805	13,773.825	14,197.837	14,570.846

Output Group 3.2 - Support for People with a Disability

Rehabilitation Services	0.000	129.048	156.597	161.582	165.905
Employment Assistance and Other Services (including expenditure under the <i>Disability Services Act 1986</i>)	309.496	367.659	432.053	490.553	524.362
Commonwealth/State Disability Agreement	532.034	548.738	565.811	582.694	599.931
Disability Support Pension	6,900.272	7,207.256	7,254.395	7,444.808	7,705.672
Mobility Allowance	75.216	84.390	93.867	104.933	118.355
Sickness Allowance	85.197	90.107	105.255	119.125	124.210
Wife Pension (DSP)	358.899	326.052	286.617	251.399	215.145
Sub-Total	8,261.114	8,753.250	8,894.595	9,155.094	9,453.580

Output Group 3.3 - Support for Carers

Carer Allowance	743.677	744.610	786.159	848.147	914.029
Carer Payment	706.852	840.084	988.467	1,163.138	1,372.708
Sub-Total	1,450.529	1,584.694	1,774.626	2,011.285	2,286.737

Output Group 3.4 - Support for the Aged

National Information Centre on Retirement Investments	0.452	0.462	0.471	0.481	0.491
Age Pension	17,773.072	18,835.916	19,888.295	21,016.423	22,290.562
Self Funded Retirees' Supplementary Bonus	0.700	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Telephone allowance for Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Holders	14.000	14.700	15.200	14.950	14.943
Widow B Pension	41.025	29.594	19.600	13.309	7.126
Wife Pension (Age)	196.376	178.726	150.038	125.800	106.396
Sub-Total	18,025.625	19,059.398	20,073.604	21,170.963	22,419.518

Total Economic & Social Participation	40,198.594	42,264.923	44,517.436	46,535.974	48,731.488
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Total Portfolio Administered Appropriations	57,069.498	59,870.069	62,804.542	65,475.257	68,278.868
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Attachment B

Family and Community Services Portfolio
2003-04 Budget Estimates
Customers

Administered Items	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Age Pension	1,840,552	1,871,647	1,909,132	1,941,603	1,982,511
Austudy Payment	35,706	35,477	35,173	35,281	35,632
Bereavement Allowance	58	58	59	59	60
Carer Allowance Adult	161,763	178,338	189,889	201,482	213,069
Carer Allowance Child	134,670	109,748	105,549	108,712	111,967
Carer Payment	71,879	82,024	93,171	105,346	119,320
Disability Support Pension	666,330	670,544	653,245	647,107	646,900
Double Orphan Pension	1,541	1,525	1,525	1,525	1,525
Family Tax Benefit A	3,429,284	3,405,379	3,418,002	3,431,047	3,444,120
Family Tax Benefit B	1,207,089	1,197,974	1,210,976	1,223,972	1,237,397
Maternity Allowances	346,699	347,032	347,664	348,218	348,757
Mature Age Allowance	40,403	37,494	28,781	17,393	10,367
Mobility Allowance	42,948	46,298	50,097	54,295	59,408
Newstart Allowance	560,071	561,341	631,082	657,374	645,403
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	194,339	183,305	174,731	168,882	164,481
Parenting Payment (Single)	439,095	445,116	454,590	465,836	478,246
Partner Allowance (Benefit)	43,224	33,858	17,950	5,753	5,236
Partner Allowance (Pension)	60,665	57,223	42,239	25,985	24,278
Pensioner Education Supplement	48,596	54,046	59,872	65,164	71,079
Sickness Allowance	9,245	9,351	10,618	11,803	11,920
Special Benefit	12,407	13,633	16,469	19,380	20,204
Widow Allowance	42,740	46,517	50,370	55,114	59,141
Widow B Pension	3,930	2,706	1,741	1,143	603
Wife Pension (Age)	21,751	18,869	15,319	12,292	9,986
Wife Pension (DSP)	40,574	35,239	29,947	25,337	20,979
Youth Allowance	382,571	374,080	372,496	371,280	369,261

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Family and Community Services Portfolio
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Average Rates \$

Administered Items	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Age Pension	370.02	384.44	398.90	414.92	430.68
Austudy Payment	285.49	305.67	321.46	329.34	338.18
Bereavement Allowance	623.62	634.45	642.30	657.91	666.12
Carer Allowance Adult	94.84	97.27	99.63	101.89	104.29
Carer Allowance Child	97.27	101.52	105.66	109.61	113.71
Carer Payment	376.34	390.40	405.34	421.80	439.09
Disability Support Pension	396.82	411.63	426.37	441.79	456.23
Double Orphan Pension	50.07	51.75	52.73	53.85	55.13
Family Tax Benefit A	94.58	98.38	101.36	104.10	106.03
Family Tax Benefit B	77.80	79.61	83.13	86.57	90.08
Maternity Allowances	627.72	639.14	653.23	667.83	682.48
Mature Age Allowance	362.08	372.31	377.57	389.50	395.83
Mobility Allowance	66.95	69.49	71.61	73.83	76.11
Newstart Allowance	331.16	337.98	351.66	364.81	369.32
Parenting Payment (Partnered)	270.95	277.40	283.85	291.85	300.73
Parenting Payment (Single)	382.76	397.17	411.64	428.88	446.55
Partner Allowance (Benefit)	311.77	320.68	327.43	322.08	332.34
Partner Allowance (Pension)	321.75	332.26	349.34	369.04	376.02
Pensioner Education Supplement	53.93	52.77	55.90	55.16	54.47
Sickness Allowance	355.16	368.79	377.63	387.66	399.60
Special Benefit	356.31	376.94	390.46	399.41	411.80
Widow Allowance	385.39	394.94	403.72	414.83	425.45
Widow B Pension	405.96	417.57	432.52	447.24	453.90
Wife Pension (Age)	347.97	363.61	378.85	395.67	411.51
Wife Pension (DSP)	340.28	354.79	369.05	383.08	395.22
Youth Allowance	225.71	234.61	243.88	250.49	257.04

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Output Group: All

Question No: 144

Topic: Budget Measures

Hansard Page: CA312

Senator Mark Bishop asked: The ABN and PAYG are the ATO measures. They were funded in the 2001-02 Budget. When did you do them?

Answer:

Both initiatives were part of the Research and Development Measures in the 2001–02 Budget. Both initiatives were 2 year feasibility studies. The ABN initiative commenced on 1 July 2001 and the PAYG initiative on 1 October 2001.

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Output Group: All

Question No: 145

Topic: Budget Measures

Hansard Page: CA314

Senator Mark Bishop asked: please provide the customer groups that are going to be targeted for the expanded data matching reviews and then, within that, the order of priority to each of the customer groups.

Answer:

The customer groups that will be affected based on the 125,000 additional reviews are:

Age Pension	4%
Austudy	0.8%
Carer Payment	1%
Disability Support Pension	6.5%
Newstart Allowance	48.4%
Parenting Payment Partnered	8.6%
Parenting Payment Single	12.5%
Partner Allowance	1.7%
Sickness Allowance	0.3%
Special Benefit	0.4%
Widows Allowance	0.5%
Youth Allowance	15.3%

There is no order of priority. The estimates were based on historical performance of data-matching exercises.

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**REVISED METHODOLOGY FOR FTB
RECONCILIATION RESULTS**

FaCS and Centrelink have recently revised the methodology for calculating the number of top-up payments and overpayments that occur after a family's entitlement to Family Tax Benefit is reconciled at the time of tax assessment.

The new methodology more accurately reflects the overall net outcome for families who have a re-reconciliation.

At the end of each financial year a family's actual entitlement to Family Tax Benefit is determined when both partners (where applicable) have lodged their tax returns. Some families may have a subsequent reconciliation as a result of new income details or other changes in circumstances becoming available.

Previously, only the effect of the last reconciliation, rather than the combined net effect of all reconciliations was counted. Under the revised methodology, the overall net outcome for individual customers is captured.

Previously released figures have been revised to provide a consistent time series that will allow analysis of trend data.

Example 1

The following example shows how the new methodology differs from previously released data for 2000-01:

- A customer who received a \$200 credit on the first reconciliation but a subsequent nil adjustment on the second reconciliation is now measured as a \$200 top-up, rather than a nil adjustment.

Example 2

The following example shows how the new methodology differs from previously released data for 2000-01, and 2001-02:

- A customer who received a \$600 top-up on the first reconciliation but a subsequent adjustment of a \$400 debit on the second reconciliation is now measured as a \$200 top-up, rather than a \$400 overpayment.

The reconciliation of lump sum claimants through the tax system has been included for the first time in the total reconciliation result. Re-reconciliations of lump sum claims occur if the original payment was based on an estimate of the partner's income and the claimant's actual income. The number of top-ups or overpayments for lump sum customers is only 1% of total top-ups and overpayments.

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Question No: 172

Output Group: 1.1 Family Assistance, 1.4 Child Care Support.....

Topic: Child Care Benefit Debt

Hansard Page: CA301 Proof Committee Hansard, Wednesday 4 June 2003 – (Now CA 430 Official Committee Hansard)

Senator Collins asked: Could you provide me, over today and tomorrow, a comparison on amounts of debts let us say going up every \$200?

Senator Bishop asked - can we have that for CCB and FTB and the comparison years in \$100 or \$200 bands, whatever is available?

Answer:

Information provided below as at 27 June 2003 is for 2001-02 only. It is not possible to provide a comparison between 2000-01 and 2001-02 because the \$1,000 waiver was applied to debts for 2000-01.

The information has been provided according to income ranges that were readily available. In each table the number of debts below \$1,000 has been further broken down into \$100 bands (and into \$50 bands for debts below \$100).

FTB Debt Amount	No of FTB Customers 2001/2002
\$0 - \$49	84,637
\$50 - \$99	51,450
\$100 - \$199	70,633
\$200 - \$299	51,545
\$300 - \$399	39,427
\$400 - \$499	33,303
\$500 - \$599	29,292
\$600 - \$699	25,834
\$700 - \$799	22,171
\$800 - \$899	19,945
\$900 - \$999	18,011
\$1000 - \$1999	114,620
\$2000 - \$2999	46,733
\$3000 - \$3999	18,434
\$4000 - \$4999	8,711
\$5000 - \$5999	3,910
\$6000 - \$6999	2,221

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FTB Debt Amount	No of FTB Customers 2001/2002
\$7000 - \$7999	1,153
\$8000 - \$8999	651
\$9000 - \$9999	356
OVER \$10000	487
TOTAL	643,524

CCB Debt Amount	No of CCB Customers 2001/2002
\$0 - \$49	56,485
\$50 - \$99	23,892
\$100 - \$199	26,264
\$200 - \$299	15,595
\$300 - \$399	10,275
\$400 - \$499	7,210
\$500 - \$599	5,412
\$600 - \$699	4,154
\$700 - \$799	3,220
\$800 - \$899	2,521
\$900 - \$999	1,980
\$1000 - \$1999	8,660
\$2000 - \$2999	2,067
\$3000 - \$3999	639
\$4000 - \$4999	217
\$5000 - \$5999	95
\$6000 - \$6999	50
\$7000 - \$7999	25
\$8000 - \$8999	10
\$9000 - \$9999	4
OVER \$10000	4
TOTAL	168,779

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Output Group: 1.1

Question No: 24

Topic: Research into annual costs of raising children

Hansard Page: Written question on notice

Senator Webber asked:

1. Has the department undertaken any research into the average annual costs of raising children (0-18 years of age) in Australia?
2. Can this research be provided?
3. Can this information be provided by age of child?
4. Can this information be further broken down into specific areas of expenditure, such as:
 - Accommodation – rental and owned
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Schooling
 - Child care
 - Other expenditures

Answer:

The department has not recently undertaken any research into the average annual costs of raising children.

In 1999, the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) prepared a report titled “Estimates of the costs of children in Australian families, 1993-94” for FaCS. A copy of that research, now somewhat dated, is provided. It is also available at http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/respubs/research-policyrespaperseries_three.htm.

NATSEM also published a similar report in 2003, but this later research was not commissioned by or undertaken for FaCS.

In 2001, FaCS published a research paper titled “Updating Australian budget standards costs of children estimates”, which looks at the costs of children of various ages in different family structures. Copies of that research paper are attached. It is also available at http://www.facs.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/respubs/research-policyrespaperseries_seven.htm.

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Output Group: 1.1 Family Assistance

Question No: 3

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

Written question on notice

Senator Webber asked:

1. How many families have received family tax debts because their child's income exceeded \$8 346?
2. Of these debts, how many were retrospective debts, raised despite the fact that the Family Assistance Office was notified as soon as the child commenced employment?
3. What was the average amount of these debts?
4. How many of these families appealed their debt?
5. Of these, how many debts were waived?
6. How many debts were due to the primary caregiver's income exceeding \$11,206 for a child under five, or \$8,347 for a child over five?
7. Of these, how many were debts raised retrospectively, despite the FAO being informed immediately of the change in circumstances?
8. Of those debts due to the earnings of the primary caregiver, how many of the families earned a combined annual income of less than the cut-off for the maximum rate of FTB(A)?
9. What was the average amount of these debts?
10. How many of these families appealed their debt?
11. Of these, how many debts were waived?
12. How many recipients have received debt notices because of a subsequent claim for a percentage of the benefit by the other parent under shared care rules?
13. What was the average amount of these debts?
14. How many of these debts involved a dispute over shared care percentages?
15. How many of these families appealed their debt?
16. Of these, how many debts were waived?
17. How many debts were due to irregular child support payments?
18. Of those debts due to the amount of child support received, how many of the recipients were on an annual income of less than the cut-off for the maximum rate of FTB(A)?
19. What was the average amount of these debts?

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20. How many of these families appealed their debt?
21. Of these, how many debts were waived?
22. How many families who received debt notices this last financial year did so in previous years also?
23. How many families were made aware of their debt after having their tax return stripped?
24. What options are available for families to work out their FTB eligibility before lodging their tax returns?
25. Can a breakdown of the families in receipt of FTB(B) be provided, broken down into primary earner's income?
26. How many people have been forced to repay FTB payments because they have been misled by their partner as to their income, and have since separated?
27. What was the average amount of these debts?
28. How many of these families appealed their debt?
29. Of these, how many debts were waived?
30. How many instances are there of debts that have been found to be entirely due to circumstances beyond the person's control?
31. Of these, how many were still required to repay the debt after it was determined that the family did not meet the added hardship requirement?

Answer:

1. 943 debts were raised in the period March to June for the 2001/2002 financial year. Prior to this time these debts could not be separately identified.

3,779 debts were raised in the period July to March for the 2002/2003 financial year.
2. If it becomes unknown that the child's taxable income has exceeded or is likely to exceed the cut-out amount during the income year, the child is no longer considered to be an FTB child for that entire year. Entitlement is reassessed immediately to prevent any further incorrect payments.
3. Average debt was \$919.92 in the period March to June for the 2001/2002 financial year. Prior to this time these debts could not be separately identified.

Average debt was \$640.67 in the period July to March for the 2002/2003 financial year.
4. As at 31 March 2003, 100 customers had asked for a review of their child income debts.
5. 49 of the total number of debts raised in the period March to June for the 2001/2002 financial year, as advised in the answer to Question 3.1, were waived.

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As at 31 March 2003, 503 of the total number of debts advised in the answer to Question No. 3.1 have been waived in the 2002/2003 financial year.

6-11. This level of information is not available because the Centrelink debt database does not record this level of detail.

12. Family Assistance Office procedures involve verifying the care arrangements with both parents before payment is made. A debt because of a subsequent claim by the other parent will only arise where a parent fails to advise the Family Assistance Office of the shared care arrangement when they claim their entitlement, and in effect claims more than they are entitled to.

As at 31 March 2003, 7,190 shared care percentage reduction debts have been raised in 2002/2003.

See also answer to Question 3.26.

13. As at 31 March 2003, the average amount of a shared care percentage reduction debt for 2002/2003 was \$412.31.

14. This level of information is not available from the Centrelink debt database.

15. As at 31 March 2003, 267 customers had asked for a review of their shared care debts.

16. As at 31 March 2003, 1601 shared care percentage reduction debts have been waived in 2002/2003.

17-21. This level of information is not available because the Centrelink debt database does not record this level of detail.

22. As at 28 March 2003, 276,838 customers had incurred a FTB overpayment in both the 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 financial years, but 192,040 or 69% had their first overpayment waived.

23. As at 20 June 2003, 232,278 customers had their FTB overpayments partially or fully recovered from their tax returns for the 2001-2002 year. All these families were made aware of their debt upon receipt of their tax notice of assessment. Tax refund offsetting has been included in FTB forms and information products since July 2000. It is also explained in the 2002 Tax Pack.

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24. Options available are:

1. Family Assistance Estimator

The Family Assistance Estimator is an online service available through the Family Assistance website www.familyassist.gov.au. Customers can use this online tool to work out their possible entitlement to Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Benefit.

2. Family Tax Benefit Calculator

The Family Tax Benefit Calculator is an online service available through the Australian Taxation Office website www.ato.gov.au. This service is primarily used by tax practitioners and customers who have chosen to receive their Family Tax Benefit payment as a lump sum through the Tax Office at the end of the income (financial) year.

3. Family Assistance Offices/Call Centres

Customers can either telephone or visit the Family Assistance Office to discuss their family assistance entitlement.

4. Family Assistance Publications

A number of Family Assistance publications are available from all Family Assistance Offices and electronically via the Family Assistance Office (www.familyassist.gov.au) and Centrelink (www.centrelink.gov.au) websites. The publications provide an overview of the payments available to families, the eligibility criteria, payment rates and income thresholds. Publications include: FAO Guide to Payments; the Centrelink Guide to Commonwealth Government payments.

25. The income test for FTB B is based on the secondary earner's income in couple families. Sole parents are entitled to maximum rate FTB B irrespective of income. The numbers below include 579,288 sole parents.

The table below shows the breakdown for FTB B fortnightly recipients as at 4 April 2003.

Primary earner's income	Number of FTB(B) customers
\$0 or less	270,172
More than \$0 to \$5,000	28,938
More than \$5,000 to \$10,000	131,040
More than \$10,000 to \$15,000	76,806
More than \$15,000 to \$20,000	61,447
More than \$20,000 to \$25,000	66,296
More than \$25,000 to \$30,000	96,326
More than \$30,000 to \$35,000	80,433
More than \$35,000 to \$40,000	76,716
More than \$40,000 to \$45,000	62,344
More than \$45,000 to \$50,000	58,659
More than \$50,000 to \$55,000	45,997
More than \$55,000 to \$60,000	39,877
More than \$60,000	115,347
Total	1,210,398

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26. It is not possible for Centrelink to know whether an ex-partner has misled a customer about income details. However, where a customer separates during the financial year, the customer will not receive an overpayment relating to that year.

27-31. Please refer to Question No. 3.26.

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Output Group: 1.1 Family Assistance

Question No: 160

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

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Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

1. Could an update of Table 5 - page 27 of the FaCS 2001-2002 Annual report (Vol 2) be provided with the latest available figures?
2. What is the current average fortnightly payment rate for each of the FTB customer groups detailed in the above table?
3. In respect to FTB-A families who receive payments fortnightly what is the actual average Adjusted Taxable Income (ATI) for:
 - i) Families who receive the maximum rate (with income support payment)?
 - ii) Families who receive the maximum rate (without income support payment)?
 - iii) Families who receive a broken rate?
 - iv) Families who receive the base rate?
 - v) Families who receive below the base rate?
4. In respect to each of the customer groups in Q 3 (above) please provide the distribution of families with ATI's in \$2,500 bands?
5. How many families receive FTB-A for:
 - i) one child only?
 - ii) two children?
 - iii) three children?
 - iv) four children?
 - v) five or more children?
6. What is the average ATI for each of the family sizes in Q 5 (above)
7. For each year since 2000-2001:
 - i) how many families have claimed their FTB-A as a fortnightly payment?
 - ii) how many families have claimed their FTB-A as a lump sum through Centrelink?
 - iii) how many families have claimed their FTB-A as a lump sum through the ATO?
 - iv) how many families have claimed their FTB-A as a reduced tax withholding?
 - v) what was the total value of FTB-A payments paid through each of the above means?
8. For each year since 2000-2001, of families who claimed their FTB-A as a lump sum through Centrelink and the ATO, how many were entitled to:
 - i) the maximum rate?
 - ii) a broken rate?
 - iii) the base rate?
 - iv) below the base rate?

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9. For each year since 2000-2001
 - i) how many families have claimed their FTB-B as a fortnightly payment?
 - ii) how many families have claimed their FTB-B as a lump sum through Centrelink?
 - iii) how many families have claimed their FTB-B as a lump sum through the ATO?
 - iv) how many families have claimed their FTB-B as a reduced tax withholding?
 - v) what was the total value of FTB-B payments paid through each of the above means?
10.
 - i) For 2001-2002 how many families lodged a claim and were granted FTB-B for a child under 5?
 - ii) In that year how many families who were claiming FTB-B for a child under five stopped receiving the payment due to their income exceeding the maximum allowable amount?
 - iii) What was the average fortnightly duration of FTB-B receipt for a child under five during 2001-2002?
11.
 - i) For 2001-2002 how many families claiming FTB-B for a child under 5 received the maximum rate, and broken rate?
 - ii) For those receiving the broken rate what was their average FTB-B ATI?
12.
 - i) For families without income support what was the *estimated* average family ATI for 2001-2002?
 - ii) What was the *actual* average family ATI for 2001-2002 after reconciliation (YTD figures will suffice)?
13. For families without income support what was is the *estimated* average family ATI for 2002-2003?
14. For families without income support what was is the current *estimated* average family ATI for 2003-2004?
15. What is the net additional annual cost of indexing the lower FTB-A income threshold from \$30,806 to \$31,755 for 2003-2004?
16. What is the net additional annual cost of indexing the upper FTB-A income threshold from \$79,643 to \$82,052 for 2003-2004?
17. What is the net additional annual cost of providing an each additional child amount of \$3,285 in addition to the upper FTB-A income threshold?
18. What is the net additional annual cost of increasing each of the maximum rates and base rates of FTB-A for 2003-2004?
19. If the additional cost of each of the items listed in Q 15-18 cannot be provided separately what is the detailed costing methodology that was used to determine the net budget impact of the indexation of FTB-A from 1 July 2003?

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20. What is the net additional annual cost of indexing the FTB-B income free area from \$1,752 to \$1,825 for 2003-2004?
21. What is the net additional annual cost of indexing each of the maximum FTB-B payment rates for 2003-2004?
22. If the additional cost of each of the items listed in Q 20 & 21 cannot be provided separately what is the detailed costing methodology that was used to determine the net budget impact of the indexation of FTB-B from 1 July 2003?
23. Using the latest available information about families who receive Family Tax Benefit fortnightly:
 - i) How many families receive FTB-A only?
 - ii) How many families receive FTB-A and FTB-B?
 - iii) How many families receive FTB-B only?
24. Of those families who receive both FTB-A and FTB-B fortnightly how many receive:
 - i) the maximum rate of FTB-A?
 - ii) a broken rate of FTB-A?
 - iii) the base rate of FTB-A?
 - iv) less than the base rate of FTB-A?
25. How many families who claimed a lump sum payment of FTB for the 2000-2001 FTB income year through Centrelink or claimed through the ATO:
 - i) received FTB-A only?
 - ii) received FTB-A and FTB-B?
 - iii) received FTB-B only?
26. Of those families who received a lump sum payment comprising FTB-A and FTB-B through Centrelink or the ATO for the 2000-2001 FTB income year how many received:
 - i) the maximum rate of FTB-A?
 - ii) a broken rate of FTB-A?
 - iii) the base rate of FTB-A?
 - iv) less than the base rate of FTB-A?
27.
 - i) Please provide for the 2000-01 year and 2001-02 year (to date) the number of Families by state with FTB debts, CCB debts?
 - ii) Please provide for the 2000-01 year and 2001-02 year (to date) by state, the value of FTB debts, CCB debts?

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Answer:

1. The most up to date data available is as at 30 May 2003 (see Table 160.1(a), below).

Table 160.1 (a) Family Tax Benefit—number of clients assisted fortnightly (as at 30 May 2003)

PAYMENT TYPE	NUMBER OF FAMILIES	NUMBER OF CHILDREN
Family Tax Benefit Part A		
Maximum rate (with income support payment)	476 693	896 521
Maximum rate (without income support payment)	138 877	258 219
Broken rate	427 588	919 571
Base rate	700 492	1 284 113
Below base rate	38 374	84 509
<i>Not specified^a</i>	<i>1504</i>	<i>3 302</i>
Total	1 783 528	3 446 235
With Rent Assistance	343 133	642 942
Family Tax Benefit Part B		
Maximum rate		
Sole parents	582 366	985 314
Couples	314 379	667 656
<i>Not specified^a</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>
Total	896,756	1 652 983
Broken rate		
Couples	318 033	665 832
Total		
Sole parents	582 366	985 314
Couples	632 412	1 333 488
<i>Not specified^a</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>
Total	1 214 789	2 318 815

The above numbers do not include clients claiming through tax system.

^a Customers in this group have not been allocated a payment type code.

2. The current average fortnightly payment rates for each of the customer groups in Table 5, page 27 of the FaCS 2001-02 Annual Report (Vol 2) are detailed in the table 160.1(b) below.

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Table 160.1(b) Family Tax Benefit—average fortnightly payments for customer groups (as at 30 May 2003)

PAYMENT TYPE	AVERAGE PAYMENT
Family Tax Benefit Part A	
	Average Payment of FTB(A)
Maximum rate (with income support payment)	\$273.20
Maximum rate (without income support payment)	\$232.30
Broken rate	\$216.90
Base rate	\$73.10
Below base rate	\$48.20
<i>Not specified^a</i>	\$43.00
Total	\$172.90
With Rent Assistance	\$298.30
Family Tax Benefit Part B	
	Average Payment of FTB(B)
Maximum rate	
Sole parents	\$83.80
Couples	\$90.00
<i>Not specified^a</i>	\$84.00
Total	\$86.00
Broken rate	
Couples	\$42.10
Total	
Sole parents	\$83.80
Couples	\$65.90
<i>Not specified^a</i>	\$84.00
Total	\$74.50

The above numbers do not include clients claiming through tax system.

^a Customers in this group have not been allocated a payment type code.

3. As at 20 June 2003 the actual average Adjusted Taxable Income (ATI) for customers who were in receipt of FTB A on 28 June 2002 is:
 - i) Customers who receive the maximum rate (with income support) : \$21,199.04
 - ii) Customers who receive the maximum rate (without income support) : \$30,134.27
 - iii) Customers who receive a broken rate : \$33,763.81
 - iv) Customers who receive a base rate : \$57,450.25
 - v) Customers who receive below the base rate (tapered base) : \$82,052.07

Averages provided exclude customers with a zero income.

4. Table below shows the distribution of customers with actual ATI as at 20 June 2003 in \$2500 bands for customers who were in receipt of FTB-A for 2001/2002 financial year as at 28 June 2002.

* The actual income figures in the table below are taken from records provided to Centrelink by the Australian Taxation Office. Where a customer and/or their partner either has not lodged a return, or those records have not yet been provided by the ATO, they are included in the '\$0' income group. In addition, the classification of a person's

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rate into broken, base, taper etc can change over a financial year, thus in order to simplify reporting we use a snapshot of their rate classification at the end of the relevant financial year. Please note: this means that there will be a certain proportion of cases, where the rate classification at the end of the financial year does not match a customer's full year actual income.

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Table 160.4: Family Tax Benefit recipients for 2001/02 financial year by their Adjusted Taxable Income in \$2500 bands (as at 28 June 2002).

ADJUSTED TAXABLE INCOME	FTB(A) RATE TYPE					TOTAL
	BROKEN RATE	BASE RATE	MAXIMUM RATE ON INCOME SUPPORT	MAXIMUM RATE NOT ON INCOME SUPPORT	TAPER RATE	
\$0*	88,181	54,412	133,086	14,818	1,314	291,811
More than \$0-\$2,500	4,715	3,316	4,132	2,860	147	15,170
More than \$2500-\$5,000	3,907	2,697	5,350	2,909	68	14,931
More than \$5000-\$7,500	4,752	3,232	9,543	3,729	68	21,324
More than \$7500-\$10000	7,629	3,604	33,452	3,305	19	48,009
More than \$10000-\$12500	15,779	5,546	32,666	4,054	25	58,070
More than \$12500-\$15000	11,748	4,175	22,600	4,453	28	43,004
More than \$15000-\$17500	13,397	4,636	46,945	5,020	27	70,025
More than \$17500-\$20000	13,569	5,008	43,239	5,866	35	67,717
More than \$20000-\$22500	13,818	5,551	30,825	7,346	44	57,584
More than \$22500-\$25000	13,606	5,751	26,142	9,179	52	54,730
More than \$25000-\$27500	15,170	6,385	23,779	12,837	52	58,223
More than \$27500-\$30000	18,348	7,112	16,901	14,315	72	56,748
More than \$30000-\$32500	23,751	8,064	11,398	8,199	76	51,488
More than \$32500-\$35000	25,739	9,993	8,697	4,977	90	49,496
More than \$35000-\$37500	24,846	12,726	6,955	3,422	92	48,041
More than \$37500-\$40000	23,100	16,146	5,327	2,615	121	47,309
More than \$40000-\$42500	20,770	19,894	4,320	2,410	130	47,524
More than \$42500-\$45000	17,345	23,888	3,399	2,025	148	46,805
More than \$45000-\$47500	14,020	27,832	2,885	1,806	144	46,687
More than \$47500-\$50000	11,561	31,754	2,288	1,796	202	47,601
More than \$50000-\$52500	9,212	35,208	1,898	1,770	192	48,280
More than \$52500-\$55000	7,159	37,481	1,582	1,715	221	48,158
More than \$55000-\$57500	5,600	37,981	1,270	1,555	260	46,666
More than \$57500-\$60000	4,558	38,501	997	1,458	334	45,848
More than \$60000	19,222	297,724	5,982	9,936	30,266	363,130
TOTAL	431,502	708,617	485,658	134,375	34,227	1,794,379

* See the note above.

5. The table below specifies the number of families who receive FTB(A) by the number of FTB(A) children in that family.

Table 160.5: Family Tax Benefit(A)—Number of families by number of FTB(A) eligible children (as at 30 May 2003)

NUMBER OF FTB(A) ELIGIBLE CHILDREN	NUMBER OF FAMILIES	PROPORTION OF FAMILIES
Family Tax Benefit Part A		
One child only	677,179	38.0%
Two children	700,769	39.3%
Three children	294,707	16.5%
Four children	83,280	4.7%
Five or more children	27,593	1.5%
TOTAL	1,783,528	100.0%

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6. The table below shows the combined estimated average Adjusted Taxable Income (ATI) of both the customer and partner who receive FTB(A) by the number of FTB(A) children in that family. Actual average ATI for the 2002/2003 financial year is not available until customers have lodged their tax returns.

Table 160.6: Family Tax Benefit(A)— Estimated average Adjusted Taxable Income estimate by number of FTB(A) eligible children (as at 30 May 2003)

NUMBER OF FTB(A) ELIGIBLE CHILDREN	AVERAGE ESTIMATED ATI (of customer and partner)
Family Tax Benefit Part A	
One child only	\$30,072.80
Two children	\$39,139.20
Three children	\$40,024.10
Four children	\$37,140.50
Five or more children	\$31,153.50
TOTAL	\$35,626.20

7. This information is currently not available.
8. As at 28 June 2002, of the customers who claimed their 2000/2001 FTB A entitlement as a lump sum with the ATO:
- i) 12,342 were entitled to a maximum rate;
 - ii) 6,774 were entitled to a broken rate;
 - iii) 66,752 were entitled to a base rate; and
 - iv) 0 were entitled to below the base rate.

As at 13 June 2003, of the customers who claimed their 2001/2002 FTB A entitlement as a lump sum with the ATO:

- i) 11,514 were entitled to a maximum rate;
- ii) 3,382 were entitled to a broken rate;
- iii) 62,100 were entitled to a base rate; and
- iv) 20 were entitled to below the base rate.

Please note: as a person's rate type can change over a financial year depending on changes in their circumstances, this information is based on the customer's final rate type for the relevant year.

Information on Centrelink lump sum claims is not broken down to this level.

9. This information is currently not available.
- 10.
- i) This level of information is not available from the Centrelink database. As at 28 June 2002, 609,709 customers with at least one child under the age of five were in

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receipt of FTB B. However, this figure includes claims made during the 2000/2001 financial year and does not include claims made through the ATO.

ii) This level of information is not available from the Centrelink database.

iii) This level of information is not available from the Centrelink database.

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i) As at 28 June 2002, 395,480 families claiming FTB(B) for a child under 5 were receiving the maximum rate, and 214,229 families were receiving the broken rate.

ii) The average FTB(B) ATI of the secondary earner for customers receiving FTB(B) broken rate was \$6,074.47.

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i) The *estimated* average family ATI for 2001-02 for families receiving FTB without income support was \$42,004.22 per annum, as at 28 June 2002.

ii) For customers in receipt of FTB as at 28 June 2002, the actual average Adjusted Taxable Income after reconciliation as at 20 June 2003 was \$41,895.02.

Note: Actual income figures used are as at 20 June 2003 and are subject to further change as more customers lodge their tax returns. Averages provided exclude customers with a zero income.

13. As at 30 May 2003, the *estimated* average family ATI for 2002-03 for families receiving FTB without income support was \$44,676.53 per annum.

14. This information is not available until 2003/2004 financial year. At the beginning of each financial year, Centrelink asks customers to update their income estimates for the year.

23. As at 30 May 2003:

i) 597,130 families received FTB(A) only.

ii) 1,186,398 families received both FTB(A) and FTB(B).

iii) 28,391 families received FTB(B) only.

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24. The table below shows the number of families who receive both FTB(A) and FTB(B) broken down by FTB(A) payment type.

Table 160. 24: Family Tax Benefit(A)—Number of families entitled to FTB(A) and FTB(B), by FTB(A) payment type (as at 30 May 2003)

FTB(A) PAYMENT TYPE	NUMBER OF FAMILIES	PROPORTION OF FAMILIES
Family Tax Benefit Part A		
Maximum rate	501 802	42.3%
Broken rate	364 044	30.7%
Base rate	308 534	26.0%
Less than the base rate	10 707	0.9%
<i>Not specified^a</i>	<i>1 311</i>	<i>0.1%</i>
TOTAL	1 186 398	100.0%

^a Customers in this group have not been allocated a payment type code.

25. As at 28 June 2002, of those people who received both FTB(A) and/or FTB(B) in their 2000-01 lump sum payment from the ATO:
- i) 49,454 received FTB(A) only;
 - ii) 36,414 received FTB(A) and FTB(B);
 - iii) 11,446 received FTB(B) only.

Information on Centrelink lump sum claims is not broken down to this level.

26. As at 28 June 2002 out of the families who received both FTB(A) and FTB(B) in their 2000-01 lump sum payment from the ATO:
- i) 7,340 received the maximum rate of FTB(A);
 - ii) 4,383 received the broken rate of FTB(A);
 - iii) 24,691 received the base rate of FTB(A), and
 - iv) 0 received less than the base rate of FTB(A).

Please note: as a person's rate type can change over a financial year depending on changes in their circumstances, this information is based on the customer's final rate type for the relevant year.

Information on Centrelink lump sum claims is not broken down to this level. Please also see the response to Question No.160.8.

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27. i) The table below shows the number of families by state and territory with FTB and CCB reconciliation overpayments for the 2000/2001 financial year as at 28 March 2003.

Note: The figures in both tables are based on the new reconciliation methodology. The CCB figures in both tables are based on the existing methodology.

Table 160. 27i: Number of FTB and CCB families by state and territory with reconciliation overpayments for the 2000/01 financial year (as at 28 March 2003)

STATE	2000/2001 FINANCIAL YEAR			
	FAMILY TAX BENEFIT		CHILD CARE BENEFIT	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
ACT	10,683	9,890,733	3,235	1,003,852
NSW	228,659	214,654,054	56,423	15,958,744
NT	7,564	6,398,251	1,671	574,259
QLD	149,313	121,119,805	43,758	12,503,207
SA	58,954	46,969,105	14,691	3,109,440
TAS	19,637	14,168,238	4,481	775,271
VIC	177,726	165,649,072	39,861	11,441,515
WA	71,232	61,613,099	14,450	3,533,687
Unknown	4,690	4,407,229	994	367,173
TOTAL	728,458	644,869,586	179,564	49,267,148

Note: The figures in this table are based on the new reconciliation methodology. The CCB figures are based on the existing methodology.

27. ii) The table below shows the number of families by state and territory with FTB and CCB reconciliation overpayments for the 2001/2002 financial year as at 28 March 2003.

Table 160. 27ii: Number of FTB and CCB families by state and territory with reconciliation overpayments for the 2001/02 financial year (as at 28 March 2003)

STATE	2001/2002 FINANCIAL YEAR			
	FAMILY TAX BENEFIT		CHILD CARE BENEFIT	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
ACT	8,078	6,997,575	2,600	862,142
NSW	168,112	151,282,374	44,527	12,957,454
NT	5,858	5,138,669	1,632	654,856
QLD	113,150	89,877,830	37,469	11,155,860
SA	43,689	33,855,366	12,318	2,702,679
TAS	14,343	9,891,203	3,627	655,907
VIC	132,054	116,150,344	32,103	9,303,911
WA	55,136	46,358,585	12,225	3,069,124
Unknown	2,520	2,248,401	526	177,366
TOTAL	542,940	461,800,347	147,027	41,539,299

Note: The figures in this table are based on the new reconciliation methodology. The CCB figures are based on the existing methodology.

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Question No: 160. 27
(Revised on 15/08/03)

Topic: Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Benefit overpayments

Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

- i) Please provide for the 2000-01 year and 2001-02 year (to date) the number of Families by state with FTB debts, CCB debts?
- ii) Please provide for the 2000-01 year and 2001-02 year (to date) by state, the value of FTB debts, CCB debts?

Answer:

- i) The table below shows the number of families by state and territory with FTB and CCB reconciliation overpayments for the 2000/2001 financial year as at 27 June 2003. This information includes amounts up to \$1,000 that were waived.

Table 160.27a: Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Benefit reconciliation overpayments for the 2000/01 financial year (as at 15 August 2003)

State	2000/2001			
	Family Tax Benefit		Child Care Benefit	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
ACT	10,757	\$9,971,487	3,269	\$1,015,216
NSW	230,125	\$216,531,970	57,243	\$16,176,518
NT	7,694	\$6,508,208	1,691	\$579,189
QLD	150,058	\$122,036,534	44,252	\$12,646,978
SA	59,243	\$47,242,628	14,762	\$3,129,881
TAS	19,735	\$14,268,603	4,507	\$775,243
VIC	178,528	\$166,650,405	40,137	\$11,529,896
WA	71,608	\$62,100,149	14,574	\$3,551,099
Unknown	4,829	\$4,555,704	1,019	\$375,846
TOTAL	732,577	\$649,865,688	181,454	\$49,779,866

Note: The FTB figures in this table are based on the new reconciliation methodology. The CCB figures are based on the existing methodology.

- ii) The table below shows the number of families by state and territory with FTB and CCB reconciliation overpayments for the 2001/2002 financial year as at 27 June 2003.

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Table 160.27b: Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Benefit reconciliation overpayments for the 2001/02 financial year (as at 15 August 2003)

State	2001/2002			
	Family Tax Benefit		Child Care Benefit	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
ACT	9,326	\$8,414,216	2,960	\$998,505
NSW	200,325	\$187,273,757	51,431	\$15,943,998
NT	7,122	\$5,993,370	1,766	\$717,925
QLD	133,135	\$110,535,691	42,430	\$13,370,621
SA	51,706	\$42,776,116	14,048	\$3,295,530
TAS	16,760	\$12,099,970	4,091	\$784,648
VIC	157,013	\$145,234,359	37,417	\$11,422,213
WA	64,970	\$57,866,467	13,998	\$3,709,479
Unknown	3,167	\$3,072,430	638	\$228,242
TOTAL	643,524	\$573,266,376	168,779	\$50,471,161

Note: The FTB figures in this table are based on the new reconciliation methodology.
The CCB figures are based on the existing methodology.

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Output Group: 1.1 Family Assistance Question No: 160 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22)

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

Hansard Page: Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

- 15 What is the net additional annual cost of indexing the lower FTB-A income threshold from \$30,806 to \$31,755 for 2003-2004?
- 16 What is the net additional annual cost of indexing the upper FTB-A income threshold from \$79,643 to \$82,052 for 2003-2004?
- 17 What is the net additional annual cost of providing an each additional child amount of \$3,285 in addition to the upper FTB-A income threshold?
- 18 What is the net additional annual cost of increasing each of the maximum rates and base rates of FTB-A for 2003-2004?
- 19 If the additional cost of each of the items listed in Q 15-18 cannot be provided separately what is the detailed costing methodology that was used to determine the net budget impact of the indexation of FTB-A from 1 July 2003?
- 20 What is the net additional annual cost of indexing the FTB-B income free area from \$1,752 to \$1,825 for 2003-2004?
- 21 What is the net additional annual cost of indexing each of the maximum FTB-B payment rates for 2003-2004?
- 22 If the additional cost of each of the items listed in Q 20 & 21 cannot be provided separately what is the detailed costing methodology that was used to determine the net budget impact of the indexation of FTB-B from 1 July 2003?

Answer:

Family Tax Benefit (FTB) rates and thresholds are indexed once yearly at 1 July in accordance with Schedule 4 of the *A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999*. In summary the process is as follows:

1. In January the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publishes the CPI for the December Quarter for the previous year.
2. The FTB rates and thresholds increased are calculated by the percentage change in the CPI over the 12 months to the end of December.
3. These are then rounded according to the rounding base specified in Schedule 4.
4. New amounts apply from 1 July.

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The cost of indexation is not calculated as outlined in the questions 15-22. To cost these would be a hypothetical costing with no relevance. The cost of indexation as included in the FTB estimate listed in the Portfolio Budget Statement is not a simple calculation of the total value of these changes. This would only be appropriate if the only changes occurring were the indexing of the rates and thresholds. In practice there are many factors affecting how the indexing of rates and thresholds impacts on actual expenditure, which need to be accounted for. For example, movements in the CPI occur in tandem with other inflationary changes such as increases in family incomes. Demographic changes also influence the cost of indexation on actual expenditure as the absolute and relative number of children in different age groupings change, and so on. These changes all affect how the indexing of FTB rates and thresholds impacts on expenditure.

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Output Group: 1.1 Family Assistance **Question No: 174**
Topic: Family Tax Benefit
Hansard Page: CA 491 Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked: Is the quantum of repayment higher than you had put in your forward figures, your planning? (FTB debt payment recovery).

Answer: No.

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Output Group: 1.1 Family Assistance **Question No: 175**
Topic: Family Tax Benefit
Hansard Page: CA 493 Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked: What is the reason for the \$700 million difference?

Answer:

See answer to written question on notice 176.

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Output Group: 1.1 Family Assistance **Question No: 176**

Topic: Family Tax Benefit

Hansard Page: CA 494 Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

- What were the components and the figures that led to the \$11.38 billion in the 2002-03 budget?
- What was the reconciliation process for each of those figures?
- Were they up or down - that is, were they accurate?
- What are the components of the 2003-04 budget and the figures allocated for each of the components?

Answer:

The table below provides Family Tax Benefit estimates at the component level as follows:

- 2002-03 Budget Estimates as at 2002-03 Budget (March 2002)
- 2002-03 Final Estimate as at 2003-04 Budget (March 2003)
- 2003-04 Budget Estimate as at 2003-04 Budget (March 2003)

Throughout the 2002-03 financial year the 2002-03 Budget Estimates were adjusted to align more closely with current observations of the level of each component. These adjustments resulted in a reduction of the expense component by \$723m. This reduction is reported as the expense difference between the 2002-03 Budget Estimate and the 2002-03 Final Estimate. As Family Tax Benefit is paid through a Special Appropriation, a change in the Budget Estimates has no impact on customer entitlements.

Component	02-03 Budget Estimate \$m	02-03 Final Estimate \$m	03-04 Budget Estimate \$m
Cash	11,386.356	10,935.010	11,245.305
Movement in Payables	(3.409) ¹	(44.132) ³	35.136 ⁵
Movement in Receivables (Debt)	(1.755) ²	(233.108) ⁴	(27.910) ⁶
Expense	11,381.192	10,657.770	11,252.531

¹Movement between Final Estimate 2001-02 (\$193.732m) and Budget Estimate 2002-03 (\$190.323m).

²Movement between Final Estimate 2001-02 (\$56.421m) and Budget Estimate 2002-03 (\$58.176m).

³Movement between Actual 2001-02 (\$208.541m) and Final Estimate 2002-03 (\$164.409m).

⁴Movement between Actual 2001-02 (\$166.555m) and Final Estimate 2002-03 (\$399.663m).

⁵Movement between Final Estimate 2002-03 (\$164.409m) and Budget Estimate 2003-04 (\$199.545m)

⁶Movement between Final Estimate 2002-03 (\$399.663m) and Budget Estimate 2003-04 (\$427.573m).

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Output Group: 1.1 and 1.4

Question No: 27

Topic: Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Benefit overpayments

Hansard Page: CA 296

Senator Mark Bishop asked:

On the figure of 1.685 million families who have been reconciled, what is the total number of FTB and CCB debts?

Answer:

As noted during the hearing on 4 June, a new methodology has been adopted for calculating FTB reconciliation results. As yet, the methodology for CCB reconciliation is unchanged. However, FaCS is working with Centrelink to adopt the new methodology for CCB.

At the end of March 2003, the number of families whose FTB for 2001-02 has been reconciled is 1,685,523, and the number of these families with an FTB overpayment, using the new methodology, is 542,940.

At the end of March 2003, the number of families whose CCB for 2001-02 has been reconciled is 647,089, and the number of these families with a CCB overpayment, using the existing methodology for CCB reconciliation, is 147,027.

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Output Group: 1.1

Question No: 25 and 26

Topic: Family Tax Benefit reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 293 and CA 294

Senator Mark Bishop asked:

FTB reconciliation – I want to go first to an update on the 2001-02 family assistance reconciliation. How many families have an FTB overpayment?

Can you go back and adjust the extant data for the last two or three years and identify those figures? Please table that information for each quarter for the 2000-01 reconciliation process as well as the 2001-02 reconciliation process up to the latest information, which is March 2003.

Answer:

Quarterly data for FTB reconciliation results using the new methodology for 2000-01 and 2001-02 is as follows:

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2000-01 data at end of:	Sep 01*	Dec 01	Mar 02	Jun 02	Sep 02	Dec 02	Mar 03
Top-Up							
Number		333,487	378,351	451,436	472,186	477,034	477,521
%		23%	24%	24%	23%	22%	22%
Total Amount		\$249m	\$312m	\$403m	\$431m	\$436m	\$438m
Average Amount		\$746	\$826	\$892	\$912	\$915	\$916
Overpayment							
Number		514,929	568,081	666,772	699,419	722,037	728,458
%		36%	35%	35%	34%	33%	34%
Total Amount		\$403m	\$473m	\$577m	\$616m	\$638m	\$645m
Average Amount		\$782	\$832	\$865	\$881	\$884	\$885
Nil Change							
Number		600,411	660,298	795,438	857,368	966,487	963,923
%		41%	41%	42%	42%	45%	44%
Total							
Number		1,448,827	1,606,730	1,913,646	2,028,973	2,165,558	2,169,902

* 1st quarter data not available for 2000-01 reconciliation.

2001-02 data at end of:	Sep 02	Dec 02	Mar 03
Top-Up			
Number	226,997	390,582	434,258
%	25%	25%	26%
Total Amount	\$133m	\$289m	\$349m
Average Amount	\$587	\$740	\$803
Overpayment			
Number	266,753	492,966	542,940
%	30%	32%	32%
Total Amount	\$190m	\$396m	\$462m
Average Amount	\$712	\$803	\$851
Nil Change			
Number	398,884	658,582	708,325
%	45%	43%	42%
Total			
Number	892,634	1,542,130	1,685,523

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Question No: 28

Topic: FTB/CCB Reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 298

Senator Bishop asked:

What is the total outstanding debt for FTB and CCB currently owing?

Answer:

As at 28 May 2003 there was \$373.6m in outstanding FTB reconciliation overpayments from 2000/2001 and 2001/2002, and \$27.17m in outstanding CCB reconciliation overpayments.

Note: The above FTB overpayment information does not include the non-lodger overpayments.

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Question No: 29

Topic: FTB/CCB Reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 298

Senator Bishop asked:

Going back to those figures you gave me of 327,000 for the FTB and 52,000 for the CCB, how many of those are dual year debt repayers?

Answer:

As at 28 May 2003, of the 327,726 customers with outstanding FTB reconciliation debts, 34,338 had two debts. Of the 52,653 customers with outstanding CCB reconciliation debts, 1,786 had two debts.

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Question No: 32

Topic: FTB/CCB Reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 348

Senator Bishop asked:

How many FTB A and FTB B recipients who left their claim for FTB to their tax return at the end of the financial year received more than the minimum rate?

Answer:

As at 13 June 2003, of those FTB(A) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2001-02 tax return, 19,591 received more than the base rate.

FTB(B) does not have a statutory base rate, however of those FTB(B) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2001-02 tax return, 13,045 received less than the maximum rate of FTB(B).

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Question No: 33

Topic: FTB/CCB Reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 349

Senator Bishop asked:

How does this compare with the number of A and B recipients paid more than the minimum rate who were paid fortnightly during the year and is there a differential in that?

Answer:

As at 28 June 2002, of those FTB(A) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2001-02 financial year, 1,051,906 received more than the base rate.

FTB(B) does not have a statutory base rate, however of those FTB(B) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2001-02 financial year, 327,966 received less than the maximum rate of FTB(B).

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Question No: 34

Topic: FTB/CCB Reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 349

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide the breakdown for this in the preceding years from the 2000-2001 year onwards as well?

Answer:

As at 28 June 2002, of those FTB(A) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2000-01 tax return, 19,116 received more than the base rate.

FTB(B) does not have a statutory base rate, however of those FTB(B) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2000-01 tax return, 13,530 received less than the maximum rate of FTB(B).

As at 29 June 2001, of those FTB(A) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2000-01 financial year, 1,043,121 received more than the base rate.

FTB(B) does not have a statutory base rate, however of those FTB(B) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2000-01 financial year, 331,716 received less than the maximum rate of FTB(B).

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Question No: 35

Topic: FTB/CCB Reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 349

Senator Bishop asked:

How many of these claimants received the maximum rate of FTB A and FTB B and how does this compare to the number of FTB A and FTB B recipients paid the maximum rate who were paid fortnightly during the years?

Answer:

As at 13 June 2002:

- i. of those FTB(A) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2001-02 tax return, 11,514 received the maximum rate;
 - ii. of those FTB(B) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2001-02 tax return, 29,649 received the maximum rate;
- for their particular family circumstances.

As at 28 June 2002:

- i. of those FTB(A) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2001-02 financial year, 620,354 received the maximum rate;
 - ii. of those FTB(B) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2001-02 financial year, 871,267 received the maximum rate;
- for their particular family circumstances.

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Question No: 36

Topic: FTB/CCB Reconciliation

Hansard Page: CA 349

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide the breakdown for that question in the preceding years from the 2000-2001 year onwards?

Answer:

As at 28 June 2002:

- i. of those FTB(A) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2000-01 tax return, 12,342 received the maximum rate;
- ii. of those FTB(B) recipients who claimed FTB as part of their 2000-01 tax return, 34,330 received the maximum rate;

for their particular family circumstances.

As at 29 June 2002:

- i. of those FTB(A) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2000-01 financial year, 637,016 received the maximum rate;
- ii. of those FTB(B) recipients who were paid fortnightly during the 2000-01 financial year, 849,353 received the maximum rate;

for their particular family circumstances.

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Question No: 30

Topic: Reason for FTB Repayment choices

Hansard Page: CA302

Senator Collins asked:

Are people reporting to Centrelink now their reason for opting for one of these repayment choices? If so, can you tell us what those reasons are?

Answer:

Records are not kept on the reasons why customers choose which repayment choice as there is no legislative basis to require customers to do so.

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Question No: 31

Topic: Reason for FTB Repayment choices

Hansard Page: CA348

Senator Bishop asked:

- (a) What is the take-up rate for people paid by Centrelink for FTB A and FTB B
- (b) the take-up rate for those who choose to take either payment or the joint payment through the Taxation Office for each of the past three years?

Answer:

Eligibility for FTB is determined when the claim is submitted. We are in the process of undertaking analysis of the take up rate of FTB, whether they use Centrelink and/or tax payment options, but the results are not yet available because of data restrictions. We would note the large number of families receiving FTB A and FTB B.

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Question No: 37

Topic: Fertility

Hansard Page: CA35 Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide a copy of the ANU commissioned work on ‘pathways to childlessness’.

Answer:

The “pathways to childlessness” (known as the “Dimensions in childlessness”) project was undertaken by Rosangela Merlo as part of her PhD in the Demography Program at the ANU Research School of Social Sciences. Ms Merlo made a confidential presentation of her survey findings to FaCS in May 2002. The findings are not yet available for public release. The presentation fulfilled the contract with FaCS.

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Question No: 38

Topic: Child Abuse Prevention Appropriation

Hansard Page: CA#356

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide

- (a) a breakdown of the name of each project,
- (b) the funds that have been allocated
- (c) where the money is going to be spent.

Answer:

As at June 2003, projects that are expected to receive funding (new or continuing) under the Child Abuse Prevention Appropriation in 2003-04 include the following:

(i) Early Intervention Parenting

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement, including GST)
Byron Shire Council	NSW	CARE Parent Support Project	30 June 2004	\$214,500
Child Abuse Prevention Service	NSW	Awareness/Intervention/Stronger Families - CAPS	30 June 2004	\$254,375
Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Family Community Care Centre Inc	NSW	Parents as Partners	30 June 2004	\$297,000
Deniliquin Council for Social Development Family Support Program	NSW	Deniliquin Family Support - Series of Parenting Programs	30 June 2004	\$101,750
Fairfield City Council	NSW	The Caravan Park Parenting Project	30 June 2004	\$235,125
Good Beginnings Inner Western Sydney	NSW	Good Beginnings Volunteer Home Visiting and Parenting Program	30 June 2004	\$338,666
KU Children's Services	NSW	KU Family Programs	30 June 2004	\$271,334
Lower Mountains Family Support Service	NSW	Family Links Project	30 June 2004	\$129,295
NAPCAN Australia	NSW	Family and Community Workshops based on Traditional Aboriginal Culture	August 2003	\$220,000
Shoalhaven Division of General Practice Inc	NSW	Young Parents Early Intervention Parenting Project	30 June 2004	\$76,313
Tresillian Family Care Centres	NSW	Pilot Home Visiting Intervention Programme (PHVIP)	30 June 2004	\$297,000
UnitingCare Burnside - Macarthur Family Services	NSW	Engaging and Strengthening Parents with Mental Health Problems	30 June 2004	\$152,625

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YWCA	NT	YWCA Palmerston Parenting Support Service	30 June 2004	\$254,375
Anglicare Central Queensland Ltd	QLD	Specialised Early Intervention Parenting Program	November 2003	\$231,000
Northern Peninsula Area Women's Shelter ATSI Corporation	QLD	Northern Peninsula Area Intensive Family Support	30 June 2004	\$288,750
Playgroup Association of Queensland Inc	QLD	Sing and Grow	30 June 2004	\$303,816
Save the Children Fund - Queensland Division	QLD	Mobile Playscheme	30 June 2004	\$152,625
Sisters Inside Inc	QLD	Project PEEK (Programs to Enable and Empower Kids)	30 June 2004	\$305,248
Anglican Community Care Inc	SA	Flying Start	30 June 2004	\$209,000
Port Adelaide Central Mission Inc	SA	Support and Strength in Families [Takikurtinna Wiltarnendi]	30 June 2004	\$231,990
University of South Australia (School of Psychology) - Whyalla Campus	SA	Rural and Remote Parenting Support to Preschool and Primary School Age Children	30 June 2004	\$186,881
Anglicare Devonport	TAS	Parenting Support Project (Good Beginnings)	30 June 2004	\$271,334
Lady Gowrie Tasmania	TAS	Lady Gowrie Early Intervention Program	30 June 2004	\$75,925
Abercare Family Services	VIC	Home-Start Western	30 June 2004	\$305,250
Australians Against Child Abuse	VIC	Every Child Is Important: A community based parenting program	31 July 2003	\$279,400
Goulburn Valley Family Care Inc	VIC	Parent Child Day Stay Program	30 June 2004	\$254,375
Migrant Resource Centre North East Inc	VIC	Parenting in a New Culture - An Orientation Program	30 June 2004	\$245,896
Parenting Australia	VIC	Early Intervention Parenting Projects	30 June 2004	\$321,750
The Queen Elizabeth Centre	VIC	Parenting Plus	30 June 2004	\$303,875]
Agencies for South West Accommodation Inc	WA	Delivery of parenting packages targeting 'at risk' young parents that support and strengthen parenting roles and reduce the likelihood of future crisis. Skills based programs are individually tailored. Involves collaboration with the social work area of local university (Edith Cowan University).	30 June 2004	\$288,291
Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (WA)	WA	Mofflyn Early Intervention Program - Early intervention parent support service, interpreting certain aspects of NEWPIN programs. (NEWPIN is a self-help, early intervention child protection program that works with families under stress to break the cycle of destructive family behaviour.)	30 June 2004	\$305,250
Victoria Park Youth Accommodation Inc	WA	Building blocks for stronger families	30 June 2004	\$203,500

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Good Beginnings Hobart	TAS	Good Beginnings Volunteer Home Visiting and parenting program	30 June 2004	\$382,789
Good Beginnings Katherine	NT	Good Beginnings Volunteer Home Visiting and Parenting Program	30 June 2004	\$340,829
NAPCAN Australia		National Child Protection Week Campaigns	30 June 2004	\$440,000

(ii) Good Beginnings Prototypes

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement, including GST)
Belconnen Community Service Inc	ACT	Good Beginnings Prototype Project	30 June 2004	\$132,856
George Street Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc	QLD	Good Beginnings Prototype Project Home Based Support Program	30 June 2004	\$135,625
Nambour Community Centre	QLD	Good Beginnings Prototype - Project Home Based Support Program	30 June 2004	\$128,059
Alexandrina Council	SA	Southern Fleurieu Volunteer Home Visiting Program Good Beginnings Prototype	30 June 2004	\$50,001

(iii) Child Abuse Prevention Projects

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement, including GST)
Good Beginnings Australia Ltd	TAS	Good Beginnings Tasmanian Fathering Program	15 April 2005	\$41,406
NAPCAN Australia	NSW	15th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Brisbane 18-22 September, 2004	31 July 2004	\$110,000
Australian Institute of Family Studies	VIC	National Child Protection Clearinghouse	8 December 2003	\$881,433
Australian Association for Infant Mental Health		Frozen Futures Conference - November 2002		\$11,000
Australian Association for Infant Mental Health		Contribution to the running costs of National Conference - Adelaide, 24-27 July 2003		\$11,000
Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth		Establishment of network of researchers; development of a nationally agreed research agenda; establishment of formal linkages.	30 June 2004	\$222,000
COTA National Seniors Partnership Ltd		Support for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	August 2003	\$165,000

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Question No: 40

Topic: Australian Council for Children and Parenting

Hansard Page: CA359/Written question on notice

Senator Collins asked: Australian Council for Children and Parenting Board –

(a) Please provide a list of those persons and their particular areas of expertise that warranted their appointment to the board.

(b) terms of their appointment. Is it one year or three years?

Answer:

(a)

- The Chair of the Council is Professor Alan Hayes. Professor Hayes is the Dean and Head of Division for the Australian Centre for Educational Studies at Macquarie University.
- Continuing members of the Council are:
 - Ms Muriel Cadd, Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency;
 - Dr Bronwyn Gould AO, Medical practitioner working with children, parents and young people;
 - Mr Sandy MacKenzie, Consultant in strategic planning, business development and corporate relations, including work on ‘at risk’ youth;
 - Professor Graham Vimpani, Director of Community Child and Adolescent and Family Health Service, Hunter Area Health Service, and Professor and Head of Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Newcastle.
- Newly appointed members of the Council are:
 - Ms Jo Comans, Executive Director of the National Family Day Care Council of Australia;
 - Ms Divonne Holmes a Court, Founder of Smart Population and Board Member of Good Beginnings Australia;
 - Dr Anne Graham, Senior Lecturer at the School of Education, Southern Cross University;
 - Ms Kelly Trewin, Manager of the Consulting Service at CREATE Foundation;
 - Mr Joe Tucci, Chief Executive Officer of Australians Against Child Abuse; and,
 - Mr Simon Schrapel Executive Manager of Family and Community Development at Anglicare SA.
- The Commonwealth appointed representative is Mr David Hazlehurst, Assistant Secretary, Family and Children’s Policy Branch, Department of Family and Community Services.
- The Council also includes three representatives appointed by the Community Services Ministers’ Advisory Council. They are Ms Jan Brazier (WA), Ms Vicki Rundle (Tasmania) and Ms Pam White (Victoria).

A short biographical summary on each member providing further details of members’ expertise is attached.

(b) The term of appointment of Council members is two years from the date of the first meeting for this term.

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**Australian Council for Children and Parenting Community Members -
Biographical Data**

Professor Alan Hayes (NSW)

Prof Alan Hayes is Professor of Early Childhood Studies and Dean and Head of the Australian Centre for Educational Studies at Macquarie University, Sydney. His qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts and a PhD in Psychology and his publications, films, and video productions are in the area of applied developmental psychology, with a particular focus on social contexts of development and issues related to risk, resilience, and individual differences. His writings highlight the importance of early intervention, family and community focused promotion and prevention efforts and the need to resist short-term, single “program” approaches to complex multiply determined social and developmental problems.

Ms Muriel Cadd (VIC)

Ms Muriel Cadd is currently the CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency. Ms Cadd is active on many boards concerning children, families and the Indigenous population. Her recent activities include Chairperson of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care and member of the Australian Council of Social Service. Ms Cadd is also an active member of a number of Indigenous and community organisations, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service, the ATSIC Indigenous Peoples Organisations Forum, and the Children’s Welfare Association of Victoria.

Ms Jo Comans (NSW)

Ms Jo Comans has held a range of executive positions in both state and national professional associations and is presently the Executive director of the National Family Day Care Council of Australia (NFDCCA), the national peak body for the Family Day Care program. Ms Comans has over 20 years experience in the child care industry with a particular focus in Family Day Care, including managing large Family Day Care schemes in both NSW and the ACT.

Dr Anne Graham (NSW)

Since 1993, Dr Anne Graham has been a Lecturer at the School of Education at Southern Cross University, currently holding the position of Senior Lecturer. Dr Graham has over 20 years experience as a teacher and educator in university, school and community settings. She has received a number of awards for her teaching excellence.

Dr Bronwyn Gould AM (NSW)

Dr Bronwyn Gould has post graduate qualifications in both paediatrics and psychological medicine. Her research area concerned factors associated with resilience following adversity in childhood. Dr Gould has experience spanning over 20 years in general practice specialising in work with children, parents and young people. A major focus of her work is vulnerable young people. More recently, she has established and provides an on site medical service for homeless women and women with children at Lou's Place, Darlinghurst. She is also actively involved working with children and young women in a voluntary capacity through Guides Australia. Dr Bronwyn Gould is a current member of the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), the American Professional

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Society on the Abuse of Children (ASPAC) and the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (ACWA). Dr Gould is a continuing member of the Council.

Divonne Holmes a Court (NSW)

Ms Divonne Holmes a Court is the founder of *Smart Population*, a non-profit venture aimed at raising broad-based education and participation levels for the existing and future population by focusing on improving the relationship between children and parents/carers. Ms Holmes a Court was educated at the Columbia University in New York, and the Boston University School of Law.

Mr Sandy MacKenzie (NSW)

Mr Mackenzie was Federal Member for Calare 1975-1983. Since 1983 Mr Mackenzie has acted as a consultant in fundraising, strategic planning, business development and corporate relations. Mr MacKenezie has been involved in working with the Population and Community Development Association of Thailand to develop on-the-job training programs with local businesses for 'at risk' youth, especially daughters of poverty stricken small farmers. As a consultant to the Macfarlane Burnet Centre for Medical Research, Mr MacKenzie developed a harm reduction model for dislocated youth, especially those affected by substance dependency, homelessness, abuse and minority isolation. Mr Mackenzie is a continuing member of the Council.

Mr Simon Schrapel (SA)

From May 1999, Mr Schrapel has held the position of Executive Manager, Family and Community Development, at Anglicare SA, where he is responsible for a broad range of services from Child Care to Alternative Care, Supported Accommodation, Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation, Refugee programs, Emergency Relief, Community Development, Community Legal Services, Relationship Education and Family Support amongst other areas. Mr Schrapel originally trained in Social Work in Adelaide and has worked for several years in a variety of social work and community development positions in both the U.K, and Sri Lanka before returning to Australia in 1989. Mr Schrapel has been the Chairperson of the SA Council of Social Service since July 2002. He is also the current Chair of the Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia.

Ms Kelly Trewin (QLD)

Ms Kelly Trewin is currently the Manager of the Consulting Service at CREATE Foundation which is an organisation committed to promoting the safety and well being of children and young people in care. She commenced this role in 1998 and is responsible for planning and development of the consulting service; research and policy development; project management; training development and delivery and the support and development of young people and centre staff. Ms Trewin started her career as a Youth Worker. She has worked predominantly with children and young people within state care systems of Australia to ensure the rights of these young people are enshrined within legislation, policy and practice.

Mr Joe Tucci (VIC)

Joe Tucci is the CEO of independent children's charity, Australians Against Child Abuse. He is a qualified social worker and registered psychologist. He is a Clinical Member of the

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Victorian Association of Family Therapists (VAFT) and a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW). His experience includes statutory child protection work, family counseling at the North Melbourne Community Health Centre, child abuse research with the Child Abuse and Family Violence Research Unit at Monash University and a period of work with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) in England. He is also completing his PhD researching emotional child abuse at Monash University. He has lectured on child abuse and family therapy at Monash and Deakin Universities. Joe has been the CEO of Australians Against Child Abuse since 1996.

Professor Graham Vimpani (NSW)

Prof. Vimpani is currently the Director of the Community Child Adolescent and Family Health Service, Hunter Area Health Service. He is also Professor and Head of the Discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Newcastle. He is the medical director of the child protection team of the John Hunter Children's Hospital in Newcastle. Prof. Vimpani has a professional experience of almost 30 years in paediatrics and child health in universities, hospitals and community settings.

Prof Vimpani has held various professional memberships both in Australia and overseas, including the Division of Paediatrics of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians/Australian College of Paediatrics from 1978, and the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), APSAC. Prof. Vimpani is the founding member of the National Investment for the Early Years (NIFTeY Australia) and is a continuing member of the Council.

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Question No: 159

Topic: Services for Families with Children

Hansard Page: Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide details of the proposed expenditure under both Appropriation Bills for this measure –

- (a) what the projects/programs are,
- (b) the agency conducting them,
- (c) the amount being spent, and
- (d) proposed finishing dates for each.

Answer:

As at June 2003, projects that are expected to receive funding (new or continuing) under the Services for Families with Children Appropriation and the Services for Families with Children SPP Appropriation in 2003-04 include the following:

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(i) Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agencies

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement, including GST)
Aboriginal Children's Service Ltd	NSW	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Redfern	30 June 2004	\$124,475
Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Family Community Care Centre Inc	NSW	Aboriginal Family & Children's Services - Coffs Harbour	30 June 2004	\$133,453
Aboriginal and Islander Development and Recreational Women's Association	QLD	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Mt Isa	December 2003	\$88,938
Bargumar Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation	QLD	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Caboolture	30 June 2004	\$67,935
Central Queensland Aboriginal & Islanders Child Care Agency Inc	QLD	Aboriginal & Islander Child Care Agency - Rockhampton	30 June 2004	\$179,640
Kalwun Development Corporation Ltd	QLD	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Gold Coast	30 June 2004	\$46,530
TAIHS Childcare Agency Townsville	QLD	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Townsville	30 June 2004	\$518,312
The Aboriginal & Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd	QLD	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Brisbane	30 June 2004	\$177,692
WE CARE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Service for Aged and Disabled Association Inc	QLD	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Ipswich	30 June 2004	\$156,523
Aboriginal Family Support Services Inc	SA	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Adelaide	31 December 2003	\$582,137

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Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-op Ltd	VIC	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Victoria		
Yorganop Childcare Aboriginal Corporation	WA	Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency - Yorganop	31 December 2005	\$836,356

(ii) Playgroups Program

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement, including GST)
ACT Playgroups Association Inc	ACT	Playgroup Associations	24 September 2004	\$158,783
Playgroup Association of NSW Inc	NSW	Playgroup Associations	30 June 2004	\$1,687,904
Playgroup Association of the Northern Territory Inc	NT	Playgroup Associations	30 June 2004	\$200,162
Playgroup Association of QLD Inc	QLD	Playgroup Associations	June 2004	\$1,130,504
Save the Children Fund - Queensland Division	QLD	Intensive Playgroups Project	30 June 2005	\$341,000
Playgroup Association of SA Inc	SA	Playgroup Associations	1 November 2004	\$480,952
Playgroup Association of Tasmania	TAS	Playgroup Associations	30 June 2004	\$210,972
Playgrouping Victoria	VIC	Playgroup Associations	30 June 2004	\$1,176,111
Playgroups Council of Australia Inc	VIC	The Inclusion of Rural and Remote Families in Quality Playgroups Projects	31 October 2003	\$373,573
Playgroup Association of WA Inc	WA	Playgroup Associations	30 June 2004	\$605,000

(iii) Services for Families with Children Projects

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement, including GST)
Byron Bay Community Association	NSW	Rainbow Food Project - Improve Awareness of Good Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles	November 2003	\$82,500
Hope for the Children Foundation Inc	NSW	Contribution to Sydney City Network for provision of Home Visitation Service to referred families	30 April 2004	\$55,000
The Devonport Playhouse Inc	TAS	Contribution to the running costs of The Devonport Playhouse Inc	30 June 2004	\$26,500
Oz Child	VIC	Parents Charter: Lifestyle and Nutrition Program	30 April 2004	\$137,500

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(iv) Other Services for Families with Children

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Funding (per annum, including GST)
Barnardos Australia Canberra	ACT	Kids Friends Programme	\$20,790 per annum
D4 Darlinghurst Ltd	NSW	D4 - Darlinghurst OSHC Vacation Emergency Weekend Holiday Care	\$133,896 per annum
Dubbo Community Services & Information Centre Inc	NSW	Dubbo Community Services & Information Centre	\$4,132 per annum
Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre Ltd	NSW	Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre Bus Operational Costs	\$8,899 per annum
Kemblawarra Child & Family Centre Inc	NSW	Kemblawarra Centre Director/Social Worker	\$40,717 per annum
Mercy Family Centre Ltd	NSW	Mercy Family Children's Services Coordinator	\$29,652 per annum
Outreach Support - Kids Activity Centre Ltd	NSW	Outreach Support, Kids Activity Centre - Mount Druitt	\$75,862 per annum
Randwick Information & Community Centre Inc	NSW	Randwick Information & Community Centre	\$3,835 per annum
Singleton Neighbourhood Centre Inc	NSW	Singleton Community Aid & Resource Centre	\$2,764 per annum
Sisters of Mercy	NSW	Salary of Executive Director	\$37,063 per annum
St Saviour's Neighbourhood Centre	NSW	St Saviour's Neighbourhood Centre Goulburn - Director of Services	\$36,974 per annum
Technical Aid to the Disabled Ltd	NSW	Technical Aid to the Disabled, Ryde	\$99,317 per annum
Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi Inc	NT	Waltja Tjutangky Palayapayi	\$55,000 per annum
Citizen Advice Bureau Ipswich Inc	QLD	Citizens Advice Bureau, Ipswich	\$10,452 per annum
Community Support Centre Innisfail Inc	QLD	Community Information and Advice Centre, Innisfail	\$2,008 per annum
Open Youth Program	QLD	Open Youth Program, Townsville	\$136,855 per annum
Save the Children Fund - Queensland Division	QLD	Caravan Park Mobile Playgroup, Brisbane	\$53,651 per annum
Anglicare Victoria	VIC	North West Foster Care	\$70,601 per annum
Brunswick Neighbourhood House	VIC	Brunswick Neighbourhood House	\$50,577 per annum
Families in Distress Foundation	VIC	Families in Distress Foundation	\$42,367 per annum
Melton Neighbourhood Centre	VIC	Melton Neighbourhood Centre	\$56,068 per annum
Newport Outlets Co-op	VIC	Outlets Co-operative Ltd	\$36,617 per annum

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The Poor Sisters of Nazareth	VIC	Larmenier Child & Family Centre	\$110,655 per annum
UnitingCare Connections	VIC	Wheeler Hill Family Centre	\$41,674 per annum
Balga Presbyterian Church	WA	Balga Detached Youth Work Project	\$22,742 per annum
Christian Community Inc	WA	Family Life Project	\$23,401 per annum
City of Fremantle	WA	Meeting Place - Welfare Workers	\$64,265 per annum
Communicare Inc	WA	Communicare Drop in Centre	\$5,443 per annum
Wanslea Family Support Services Inc	WA	Wanslea Family Support Services	\$225,599 per annum

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(i) Other Services for Families with Children

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Funding (per annum, including GST)
Department of Community Services [NSW]	NSW	Blacktown Family Crisis Service	\$77,542 per annum
Department of Community Services [NSW]	NSW	CAPS - 24 Hour Parenting Help Line	\$121,615 per annum
Department of Community Services [NSW]	NSW	The Grace Child Care Centre Inc/Waverly Occasional Care	\$13,728 per annum
Department of Community Services [NSW]	NSW	Wiley Park Special Pre-School Association/Jannawi Family Centre	\$150,525 per annum
Department for Community Development [WA]	WA	Kwinana Family Activity Group	\$31,494 per annum

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Question No: 167

Topic: Family Relationships Services Program - Men and Family Relationships/Family Relationships Education

Hansard Page: CA#337

Senator Moore asked:

Please provide an update of funding for 2003-04 by service and by State/Territory for:

- (a) Men and Family Relationships Services
- (b) Family Relationships Education

Answer:

The expected program payments for Men and Family Relationships Services and Family Relationships Education for 2003-04, under the Family Relationships Services Program, are outlined below.

Men And Family Relationships Services

Organisation - Trading Name	State/Territory	Expected 2003-2004 Funding with GST
Marymead Child and Family Centre	ACT	\$42,990
Burnside	NSW	\$343,706
Centacare (Wilcannia - Forbes)	NSW	\$171,491
Centacare Bathurst	NSW	\$95,181
Centacare Broken Bay	NSW	\$187,536
Centacare Sydney	NSW	\$74,997
Community Connections North Coast Inc	NSW	\$53,684
Interrelate	NSW	\$173,054
Manning Support Services Inc	NSW	\$58,098
Newcastle Family Support Services Inc	NSW	\$103,650
Relationships Australia (NSW)	NSW	\$21,235
The Family Centre Community Projects Inc	NSW	\$69,193
Unifam - Counselling & Mediation	NSW	\$147,268
Relationships Australia (NT)	NT	\$12,569
Lifeline Bundaberg	QLD	\$85,847
Lifeline Darling Downs & Sth West Queensland Ltd	QLD	\$161,052
Lifeline Sunshine Coast	QLD	\$190,877
Men's information & Support Association Inc	QLD	\$146,491
Mercy Family Services Qld	QLD	\$87,684
Relationships Australia (QLD) Inc	QLD	\$100,357
Youth & Family Services (Logan City) Inc	QLD	\$64,421

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Anglicare SA Inc	SA	\$63,851
Centacare Adelaide	SA	\$139,579
Centacare Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie	SA	\$151,508
Port Adelaide Central Mission Inc	SA	\$48,674
Port Pirie Central Mission Inc	SA	\$62,927
Anglicare Tasmania Inc	TAS	\$50,395
Relationships Australia (TAS)	TAS	\$95,617
Australian Greek Welfare Society Ltd	VIC	\$76,123
Bethany Family Support Inc	VIC	\$158,692
Child and Family Services Ballarat Inc	VIC	\$150,912
Children's Protection Society Inc	VIC	\$113,333
Goulburn Valley Family Care Inc	VIC	\$85,735
LifeWorks Relationship & Education Services	VIC	\$274,385
Mallee Family Care Inc	VIC	\$144,947
Migrant Resource Centre Nth East Inc	VIC	\$129,841
Noble Park Family Mediation Ctr	VIC	\$111,560
Relationships Australia (VIC)	VIC	\$81,978
Southern Family Life Service Association Inc	VIC	\$114,526
Agencies for South West Accommodation (ASWA)	WA	\$76,456
Anglicare WA	WA	\$214,736
Centrecare Inc	WA	\$129,981
Men's Outreach Service	WA	\$145,840
Ngala Family Resource Centre	WA	\$96,860
GRAND TOTAL		\$5,109,836

Family Relationships Education

Organisation - Trading Name	State/Territory	Expected 2003-2004 Funding with GST
Anglican Counselling Service - Diocese of Armidale	ACT	\$94,144
Centacare Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn	ACT	\$32,653
Relationships Australia, Canberra & Region Inc	ACT	\$19,772
Anglicare NSW	NSW	\$64,907
Centacare Bathurst	NSW	\$57,363
Centacare Broken Bay	NSW	\$56,829
Centacare Parramatta	NSW	\$56,376
Centacare Sydney	NSW	\$159,731
Centacare Wagga Wagga	NSW	\$96,773
Centacare Wollongong	NSW	\$136,451
Interrelate	NSW	\$131,084
Relationships Australia (NSW)	NSW	\$263,147
The Family Centre Community Projects Inc	NSW	\$65,010
Unifam - Counselling & Mediation	NSW	\$73,849

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Relationships Australia (NT)	NT	\$32,793
Centacare Brisbane	QLD	\$209,381
Centacare Cairns	QLD	\$19,168
Centacare Central Queensland, Rockhampton	QLD	\$40,038
Centacare Toowoomba	QLD	\$38,820
Centacare Townsville	QLD	\$19,697
Kinections	QLD	\$268,327
Relationships Australia (QLD)	QLD	\$81,260
Anglicare SA Inc	SA	\$63,740
Centacare Adelaide	SA	\$141,877
Lutheran Community Care	SA	\$39,015
Relationships Australia (SA) Inc	SA	\$86,340
Whyalla Counselling Service Inc	SA	\$38,541
Anglicare Tasmania Inc	TAS	\$26,516
Centacare Family Services	TAS	\$83,304
Relationships Australia, Tasmania	TAS	\$53,895
Bethany Family Support Inc	VIC	\$98,627
Centacare Ballarat Inc	VIC	\$135,243
Centacare Diocese of Sandhurst	VIC	\$62,545
Centacare Melbourne	VIC	\$37,576
Family Relationships Institute Inc	VIC	\$187,930
LifeWorks Relationship & Education Services	VIC	\$126,385
Marriage Education Programme Inc	VIC	\$26,088
Relationships Australia (Vic)	VIC	\$205,425
Stepfamily Association of Victoria Inc	VIC	\$37,813
Upper Hume Community Health Service Inc	VIC	\$65,651
Anglicare WA	WA	\$95,582
Catholic Marriage Education Services	WA	\$66,488
Relationships Australia (WA)	WA	\$196,450
		\$3,892,606

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Question No: 168

Topic: Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing

Hansard Page: CA#360

Senator Bishop asked:

Why has the program funding been reduced from almost \$2.1 million in 2002-03 to \$1.86 million in 2003-04?

Answer:

The 2002-03 funding figure for the Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing program included funding carried over from an earlier financial year.

As stated in the response to Question No. 170 (from Senator Moore), the Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing program was transferred from the Department of Health and Aged Care (DH&AC) to the Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS) in 2000-01.

In 2000-01, \$500 000 was carried forward into 2001-02 and 2002-03 (\$250 000 each year). The carry-over was due to a delay in finalising administrative arrangements between DH&AC and FaCS and a delay in transferring the funds to FaCS, which prevented expenditure taking place.

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Question No: 169

Topic: Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing

Hansard Page: CA#360/361

Senator Bishop asked:

Can you provide us with the allocation of program funding in the current budget year:

- (a) projects completed in the last year (including funding)
- (b) projects not yet completed (including funding, expected completion dates)

Answer:

As at June 2003, projects that received funding under the Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing initiative in 2002-03 include the following:

- (a) Projects expected to be completed in 2002-03

Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement) (\$ including GST)
NAPCAN Australia	NSW	Learning and Respect - Art Exhibition	31 October 2002	\$33,680
Mission Australia	QLD	Border Rivers Families Project	20 June 2003	\$224,026
Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc	SA	Family Harm Minimisation	31 December 2002	\$142,500
Murray Valley Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd	VIC	Kids Health Program	18 June 2003	\$197,000
Northern District Community Health Service Inc	VIC	Indigenous Parenting & Family Wellbeing Program	23 June 2003	\$82,000
City of Armadale	WA	Armadale Aboriginal Family Support Project	30 June 2003	\$264,000
City of Wanneroo	WA	Aboriginal Playgroup in Banksia Grove Service	31 December 2002	\$18,500
Yorganop Childcare Aboriginal Corporation	WA	Will address an identified gap in existing resources suitable for Aboriginal families/foster carers/services through the development of culturally appropriate resources.	30 June 2003	\$100,000

- (b) Projects that are expected to continue in 2003-04

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Short Name/Trading Name	State/Territory	Project	Expected Ending Date	Expected Funding (over lifetime of contract/agreement) (\$ including GST)
Billabong Aboriginal Corporation	ACT	Our Families Our Communities Unified Service (OFOCUS) Project	September 2004	\$245,652
Gulgambone Community Development Employment Program Aboriginal Corporation	NSW	Aboriginal Family Support - an Aboriginal family support worker	14 November 2004	\$165,000
Interrelate/Yarrowarra	NSW	Aboriginal Family Wellbeing Facilitation Service - Training of Aboriginal people as mediators	18 November 2004	\$384,560
Newcastle Family Support Services Inc	NSW	Koti bula umullan - Family support worker	31 October 2004	\$314,368
Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation	NSW	Aboriginal Outreach and Home Visiting Service - 1) Community Development Worker and 2) Development of a flexible and sustainable transport system for young mothers in the Campbelltown area.	22 January 2005	\$471,900
Yoorana Gunya Family Violence Healing Centre	NSW	Indigenous Parenting and Family Liaison - Three family support workers - Part 2	April 2004	\$379,500
CAAPS	NT	Parenting is Caring for Kids	31 March 2005	\$278,002
Galiwin'ku Community Inc	NT	Yalu (Nurturing Centre)	17 June 2004	\$220,000
Kummara Association Inc	QLD	Strengthening Indigenous Families Project	19 March 2006	\$495,124
Magani Malu Kes Townsville Ltd	QLD	Helping Our Kids	June 2005	\$450,113
Murri and Torres Strait Islander Network Inc	QLD	Young Aboriginal Boys and Girls at Risk - Cultural Reclamation Program	31 March 2005	\$283,163
Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation	TAS	Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing	30 June 2004	\$75,350
SETAC	TAS	Indigenous Parenting	30 June 2004	\$42,350
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre	TAS	Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing	30 June 2004	\$99,000
Mildura Aboriginal Corporation	VIC	Parenting Support Group	January 2005	\$44,550
Quantum Support Services	VIC	Wanjana Lidj Parenting Program	16 May 2005	\$53,700
Rumbalara Aboriginal Corporation	VIC	Burri Family Preservation Parenting Program and Day Stay for Young Mothers	30 June 2006	\$175,900

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City of Wanneroo	WA	Nyoongah Aboriginal Community Playgroup	30 June 2006	\$40,425
Ngangganawili Aboriginal Community Controlled Health & Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation	WA	Wiluna Parenting and Early Childhood Development Wellbeing	30 June 2006	\$309,628
Pilbara TAFE	WA	Will focus on an 'empowerment and strengths' approach in engaging parents in active positive roles within their families/the community. Will also examine causal factors of inappropriate parenting and test options for models of emotional healing.	30 June 2004	\$143,000

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Question No: 170

Topic: Indigenous Parenting and Family Wellbeing

Hansard Page: CA#361

Senator Moore asked:

When was the initiative transferred from Health?

Answer:

Responsibility for administration of the funds was transferred from the Department of Health and Aged Care to the Department of Family and Community Services during 2000-01.

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Question No: 42

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Hansard Page: CA364

Senator Collins asked:

Stronger Families and Communities Strategy –When were these projects advised of their successful funding application?

Answer:

Eleven projects funded as part of the Early Childhood Initiative were announced in the Prime Minister's media release of 16 May 2003. The Department subsequently contacted all auspice organisations to commence funding agreement negotiations.

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Question No: 43

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Hansard Page: CA365

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide the criteria by which they were approved?

Answer:

Prior to the creation of the Early Childhood Initiative, these projects were developed and assessed in line with the guidelines and selection criteria applying to the various Strategy Initiatives. With establishment of the Early Childhood Initiative, these projects were identified as being ones that related to early intervention for children aged 0 – 5 years and suitable for approval in accordance with the established criteria.

Projects seeking funding under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy are considered against:

- the overall Strategy aims and those of the relevant funding initiatives
- the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy principles
- core funding criteria that apply for all projects
- funding criteria for the specific funding initiatives under which projects would be funded
- Funding Priorities

PRINCIPLES

The Strategy is supported by eight principles that projects need to reflect:

- Working together in partnerships
- Encouraging a preventative and early intervention approach
- Supporting people through life transitions
- Developing better integrated and coordinated services
- Developing local solutions to local problems
- Building community capacity
- Using evidence and looking to the future
- Making the investment count

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CORE FUNDING CRITERIA

Applications to the community-based initiatives are considered against the following criteria:

- community support for the project including evidence that:
 - the community has identified a need for the project
 - families and communities targeted by the project have had a say in project design and activities
 - opportunities exist for communities and families to be involved in the project implementation and evaluation of outcomes
- demonstration of the benefit to families or the community in both the short-term and long-term
- the project's contribution to building the community's capacity to address issues in the longer term
- the extent to which the project complements, rather than competes with, other projects and activities in the community while addressing an unmet need
- the degree to which the project reflects the Department of Family and Community Services' targeting plans

CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO INITIATIVES

In addition to the core criteria, there are additional criteria specific to each of the community-based initiatives. The 11 projects selected for the new Early Childhood Initiative were originally considered for funding under the Stronger Families Fund, Early Intervention, Parenting and Relationship Support Initiative or Local Solutions to Local Problems initiative criteria.

The Stronger Families Fund

As well as meeting the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy's core funding criteria, Stronger Families Fund projects must:

- identify and address major issues affecting family wellbeing;
- recognise the value of prevention, early intervention and the development of skills and resources that allow families to become stronger and more resilient;
- be primarily aimed at families with young children (preferably between 0-5 years);
- help families in times of life transitions, eg, having a baby, getting a job;
- coordinate and create links between local services; and
- have the capacity to participate in action research.

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Early Intervention Parenting and Family Relationship Support

As well as meeting the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy's core funding criteria Early Intervention Parenting and Family Relationship Support projects must satisfy criteria for the appropriate element below.

Enhancing Parenting Skills - projects aimed at enhancing parenting skills must show:

- an early intervention or prevention focus to help develop good parenting skills;
- a willingness to participate in action research; and
- coordination and creation of linkages between local services.

Playgroups – playgroup related projects must show:

- that a contribution is being made to the development of better links between families and local parenting and family support services; and
- evidence of appropriate skills and abilities to establish and support a playgroup.

Relationship Education – projects aimed at enhancing relationship education must show:

- the potential to contribute to a national development across this field. This includes knowledge about effectiveness of programs – what works for whom and why.

Local Solutions to Local Problems

As well as meeting the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy's core funding criteria, Local Solutions to Local Problems projects must show:

- they make better use of existing infrastructure than is currently the case; and
- community involvement and the development of partnerships between communities, business and government.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

These priorities include:

Early Intervention and Prevention focussing on:

- Family relationships
- Early Childhood
- Crime and violence

Welfare Reform focussing on:

- Job creation
- Training opportunities
- Volunteering
- Social participation

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Question No: 45

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Hansard Page: CA365

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide the allocations for the 2003 financial year, the amounts outstanding for the 2003 financial year, the allocations to date for the 2004 financial year and outstanding amounts left to be allocated for the 2004 financial year.

Answer:

Administered Funds for Stronger Families and Communities Strategy initiatives* (\$m)

	Budget	Allocated	Unallocated
2002-03	40.4	31.245	9.155
2003-04	53.68	33.406	20.274

In 2003-04 the following funds have been set aside but are not yet formally committed:

- \$3.0m has been set aside for volunteer small equipment grants
- \$8.8m has been set aside for the National Agenda for Early Childhood (outcome 1)

* Figures exclude special appropriations in relation to Child Care Benefit. The impact of Stronger Families and Communities Strategy initiatives on Child Care Benefit is not directly identifiable.

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Question No: 166

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

1) Please provide a detailed breakdown of four year forward estimates for each of the elements within the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (including final estimates for 2002-03)?

2) For Stronger Families and Community Strategy projects please provide in table format:

- the name of all currently funded projects
- the electorate(s) in which they operate
- the annual funding they receive
- the length of funding (ie, first funded in 2002 for three years)

3) Please provide a breakdown for each of the forward estimates years of the amount of funding allocated for each year that is already committed to funded projects and the amount that is available to be allocated for new projects?

Answer:

1) Forward estimates of administered expenses from annual appropriations for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (\$m.):

Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Stronger families fund	7.660	11.599	16.132	16.503	16.882
Early intervention	10.339	15.597	15.972	16.339	16.715
Child care	9.555	12.359	12.631	12.897	13.167
Leadership	7.530	8.568	10.219	10.454	10.695
Local solutions	2.955	3.246	3.974	4.065	4.159
Volunteers	2.360	2.331	2.930	2.997	3.066
Total	40.399	53.701	61.858	63.255	64.684

It should be noted that the Stronger Families and Community Strategy is a lapsing program and will be subject to review in the 2004-05 Budget context under the lapsing program review requirements.

The effects of the Strategy on departmental appropriations and on administered expenses from special appropriations are not uniquely identified in the forward estimates, and would have changed over time since the 2000-01 Budget due to factors such as changes to indexation parameters. The following figures, which include the effects of such changes in factors, are therefore estimates.

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Estimated expenses from special appropriations for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (\$m.):

Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Child care	10.489	17.229	17.712	18.154	18.608

Estimated expenses from departmental appropriations for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (\$m.):

Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
All	9.469	12.022	7.174	12.594	7.507

The following are the original figures as at 2000-01 Budget for those initiatives which are met solely from departmental expenses.

Includes Longitudinal study (\$m.)

Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Longitudinal study	0.500	3.600	0.501	5.401	0.500
Can do community	1.800	0.800	-	-	-
Communication	1.001	1.000	-	-	-

2) See table attached

3) See table attached

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(3) Administered Funds for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy as at 1 July 2003

OUTCOMES	00-01 Allocation (\$m)	Unspent	01-02 Allocation (\$m)	Unspent	02-03 Allocation (\$m)	Unspent	03-04 Expected Allocation (\$m)	Uncommitted	04/05 Expected Allocation (\$m)	Uncommitted	05/06 Expected Allocation (\$m)	Uncommitted	06/07 Expected Allocation (\$m)	Uncommitted
Stronger Families Fund	0.266	0.043	6.871	4.887	7.656	1.597	8.610	2.456	16.132	13.235	16.503	15.997	16.882	16.882
Early Intervention Parenting	0.342	-0.089	11.624	5.859	10.343	2.395	8.565	0.464	15.972	14.753	16.339	16.170	16.715	16.715
Early Childhood Initiative						-0.174	10.000	8.800	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Childcare*	1.141	0.00#	6.543	1.374	9.555	4.543	12.359	3.765	12.631	8.935	12.897	12.423	13.167	13.024
Leadership	0.976	0.836	9.953	6.377	7.531	0.342	8.639	1.766	10.219	9.398	10.454	10.422	10.695	10.695
Local Solutions to Local Problems	0.321	-0.026	3.915	2.033	2.955	0.039	3.196	1.588	3.974	3.751	4.065	4.065	4.159	4.159
National Skills	1.167	-0.492	3.451	-1.339	2.360	0.413	2.311	1.435	2.930	2.808	2.997	2.967	3.066	3.066
TOTAL	4.213	0.273	42.357	19.191	40.400	9.155	53.679	20.273	61.858	52.880	63.255	62.044	64.684	64.541

* Figures exclude special appropriations in relation to Child Care Benefit. The impact of Stronger Families and Communities Strategy initiatives on Child Care Benefit expenses is not directly identifiable.
Childcare allocation was overspent by \$1.046m using the funding from the Child Care Broadband.

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Project Title	Electorate	Total Amount Approved	Summary
Community Partnerships Programme	Chifley,Greenway,Hunter	\$119,160	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Partnerships for Prosperity.	Kennedy	\$42,196	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Volunteers Sharing Dementia Care	Fraser,Canberra	\$18,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
"Connect Four" action based program	Curtin	\$51,631	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
"New Farmers" Volunteer Development Program	Brisbane	\$54,280	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
"No Dole" Project at Rockhampton State High School 2001	Capricornia	\$30,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
"Playskills" - Early Intervention Program for Preschoolers and their families	Fraser	\$49,224	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Aboriginal Dance Workshops	Parkes	\$7,150	
Aboriginal Mens Program	Port Adelaide	\$132,538	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Accommodating Change - Regional Housing for Community Workers	Kalgoorlie	\$51,198	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Adult Seasons for Growth	Dickson	\$112,560	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
AFL Leadership Programme.	Lingiari	\$24,560	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
African Community Youth Partnership Program	Melbourne	\$55,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Albany Reconciliation Harmony Ball	Forrest	\$4,092	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
AMBA - video and promotional material	Kingsford-Smith,State-Wide	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Anti-Violence Project - Lismore	Page	\$170,190	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Ashmont Community Resource Centre	Riverina	\$342,150	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Auburn Small Business Skills Development Project	Reid	\$24,130	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Australian Indigenous Rural Leadership Program	National	\$400,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Awakening of the Wandjina	Kalgoorlie	\$20,400	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Bagot Community Nutrition program	Solomon	\$47,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Balonne Indigenous Leadership Coordinator	Maranoa	\$294,798	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Barossa Youth Action Plan	Wakefield	\$6,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Barunga Nursery School Project	Lingiari	\$18,694	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Beenleigh Families' Information Centre (Families Now)	Forde	\$420,650	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Belmont Community Facilitator	Swan	\$25,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Beltana Year of the Outback	Grey	\$5,087	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Better Start Program	Fairfax,Fisher	\$176,225	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years

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Beyond the Basics	Adelaide	\$69,412	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Beyond Their Limits - Sporting Heroes	National	\$110,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
BiG Brekky	Fairfax,Fisher	\$8,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
BIG hART	National	\$540,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Bimbadeeen Indigenous In-community Leadership Training	Riverina,State-Wide	\$169,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Black on Track - Hunter	Paterson	\$180,876	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Boggabilla and Toomelah CommunityLink Information and Access Centre Coordinator.	Gwydir	\$188,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Boonah Can-do Project	Forde	\$80,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Booraka Personal Futures Planning Project	Forrest	\$56,364	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Booringa Shire Adventure Campsite	Maranoa	\$30,025	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Boree Aboriginal Corporation--Koori Link	Calare	\$350,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Borroloola Community Services Plan.	Lingiari	\$53,900	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Bowraville Growing Community	Cowper	\$262,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Break O'Day Training Needs Analysis and Training Plan	Lyons	\$21,600	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Break O'Day Volunteer Resource Centre	Lyons	\$207,463	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Bridges Community Leadership Project - Blacktown	Chifley,Greenway,Prospect	\$189,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Bridgewater Urban Renewal Project	Franklin	\$125,638	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Bright Start	Grey	\$764,721	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Broken Hill Community Centre Renovations Project	Parkes	\$25,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Broken Hill Community Mentoring	Parkes	\$12,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Broughton Plains Community Hub	Grey	\$18,750	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Building a Cambodian community-Reconnecting Children, Young people and Parents	Bruce,Hotham	\$97,366	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Building Better Boards Conference	Bennelong	\$18,181	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Building Better Communities to Support the Unemployed	Denison,Lyons,Bass,Franklin	\$242,416	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Building Capacity to Support Dads	National	\$180,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 2 years
Building Community in Mandurah	Brand	\$306,443	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Building Community Program	Port Adelaide	\$28,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Building on Basics	Goldstein,Melbourne Ports	\$28,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Building Rural Leaders - Ms Alison Jones	Dawson	\$1,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Building Strong and Healthy Families in Derby	Kalgoorlie	\$564,610	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Building Stronger Families and Communities in the Daly/Cox-Finiss Region	Lingiari	\$470,140	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years

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Building Stronger Families: Empowering parents to prevent bullying	Perth	\$278,017	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Bungaba Community Development	Gwydir	\$38,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Bush Mob	Lingiari	\$185,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Byron Innovators	Richmond	\$15,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Cairns Youth Mentoring Scheme	Leichhardt	\$199,723	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Cambrai Community Playground	Barker	\$5,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Capacity Builder Projects	State-Wide	\$8,958	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Capacity Building for Families of Children with Disabilities Project	Batman	\$6,097	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Cape York Indigenous Community Workshop	Leichhardt	\$66,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Cape York Men's Leadership Forum	Leichhardt	\$81,200	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Capital Region Community Leadership Program.	State-Wide	\$152,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Caring Across Communities	Canberra	\$51,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Cartwright Family Connections Project	Werriwa	\$118,664	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Celebrating Lancefield Together - Community Action Group	Burke	\$40,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Centacare Bathurst Early Intervention Parenting Funds	Calare, Parkes	\$624,548	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Central Coast men's Group - Indigenous Learning	Dobell	\$7,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Central West Volunteer Skills Development	Calare	\$140,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Chances for Children	Farrer, Mallee	\$50,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Child and Parent Expo.	Barker	\$5,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Children and Families Everywhere - Enfield (CAFE)	Adelaide	\$312,845	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Children and Violence Music Development Project	Solomon	\$30,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Chinese Parents Group	Bruce, Holt, Hotham, Isaacs	\$11,781	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Choose with Care: Building National Capacity to Create Safer Organisations & Environments for Australia's Children	National	\$275,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
Claymore Employment Cooperative Project	Macarthur	\$192,550	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Coledale (Tamworth) residents under 12's project	New England	\$65,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Community "young families drop-in" project	Throsby	\$8,500	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Community Animators Training Strategy	Lilley, Longman, Petrie	\$110,525	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Community Capacity Builder - Cloncurry	Kennedy	\$27,442	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Capacity Builder - Mary Valley	Fairfax	\$32,600	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Capacity Builder - Mount Morgan	Hinkler	\$30,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Capacity Builder - Tara	Maranoa	\$30,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year

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Community Capacity Builder - Woorabinda	Maranoa	\$40,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Capacity Builders - Gulf Savannah	Kennedy,Leichhardt	\$96,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Capacity Builders - North Stradbroke Island	Bowman	\$35,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Capital	Lilley	\$100,534	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Community Connections-Waverley Chances for Children	Bass	\$216,666	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Community Coordinator in Miriam Vale	Hinkler	\$30,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Development Unit	Lingiari	\$98,262	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Community Empowerment Project	Melbourne	\$290,200	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Community Finance Initiative	Moreton	\$83,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Community Information Centre	Melbourne	\$40,770	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Community Leaders Mentoring Program	Bass,Braddon,Denison,Franklin,Lyons		First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Community Leadership Project	Bonython	\$30,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Community Partnership Project Albury	Hume	\$152,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Community Shed	McEwen	\$42,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Strengthening Project - Stage 2	McMillan	\$40,009	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Community Strengthening Project - Stage 2.	Gellibrand	\$40,661	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Community Supporting Community	McPherson	\$14,950	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Community Volunteer Training	National	\$25,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Confident Parenting Program	Kingston	\$141,540	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Connecting Families Wagga Wagga Project	Riverina	\$180,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Connecting Parents	Boothby,Hindmarsh	\$500,816	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Connecting the Community (Revised Submission)	Isaacs	\$345,764	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Coober Pedy Youth Leadership Project	Grey	\$182,766	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Cootamundra Families & Communities Self -Help Programme	Hume	\$54,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Counsellor based In Cessnock	Hunter	\$238,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Creating Capable Communities	Goldstein,Hotham,Melbourne Ports		First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Croc Festivals	National	\$200,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Cross Cultural Parenting (Northern Suburbs)	Bonython,Makin	\$91,926	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Dads Admitted Back To Society (DADS)	Oxley	\$19,644	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Dads in Distress Coffs Harbour	Cowper	\$69,139	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Dar Al Shifah, Islamic Family Support.	Perth	\$125,994	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Developing Effective Young Parents	O'Connor	\$160,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Developing Integrated Community Leadership in the	Parkes	\$42,200	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years

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Central West of NSW			
Development and implementation of parenting supports for parents with a disability	Melbourne	\$213,400	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Development of Great Mates mentoring program in the Hunter Valley and in Mt Druitt	Chifley,Hunter,Newcastle,Paterson	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years	
Development of leadership skills in CALD communities.	Stirling	\$139,805	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Disability Help Project	Boothby	\$91,463	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Diversity Community Garden Townsville	Herbert	\$46,800	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Djamarr'kuli Maynmak Nuthanawuy Djama	Lingiari	\$68,090	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Do It Yourself Project (DIY) St Clair	Prospect	\$86,300	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Docker River Kungka's Mentoring Project	Lingiari	\$76,888	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Early Intervention and Prevention for families at Risk	Casey,McEwen,Aston	\$238,800	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Eastern Suburbs Community Leadership Program	Wentworth	\$216,360	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Emergency Relief Training and Development	National	\$98,726	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Enormity Inc.	Bass,Franklin,Lyons	\$148,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Enterprise Development in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands	Kalgoorlie	\$30,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Equipment for Children's Therapy Playgroup	Longman	\$13,700	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Esk/Kilcoy Shires Skill Development project	Maranoa	\$52,941	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Esperance Relationship Counselling	Kalgoorlie	\$124,920	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Establish community action groups for Aboriginal families.	O'Connor	\$108,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Establishment of Community Garden	Capricornia	\$33,053	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Eureka Family & Children's Services Centre	Ballarat	\$12,407	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Evaluation of "Connections" Project	Parkes,Richmond,Wentworth	\$15,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Evaluation of Indigenous Community Action Groups Project	O'Connor	\$12,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
Extended Family	Brisbane,Dickson,Petrie	\$83,800	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Extension of "Connections" Project	Parkes,Richmond,Wentworth	\$69,600	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Extension of Uncles and Aunties Program in the NSW North Coast	Richmond	\$137,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Eyes Wide Open	Brand	\$56,490	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Eyes Wide Open - Phase 2	Brand	\$74,490	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
FACET (Family Outreach Project)	Oxley	\$634,912	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Facilitated Community Capacity Building - Goonellabah	Page	\$88,220	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Fairbridge: Pathways for Young People Program	Canning	\$300,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years

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Families in Cultural Transition	Prospect	\$382,990	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Family / Parenting Day 2002	Brisbane	\$7,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Family and Community Centre Co-ordinator - Merimbula	Eden-Monaro	\$131,150	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Family and Friends - Parent Aide Program	Moncrieff	\$207,548	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Family and Friends - South Gold Coast Parent Aide Program	McPherson	\$260,974	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Family as Community	Lingiari	\$264,408	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Family Communication Program	Parramatta	\$11,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Family Counsellor	Gwydir	\$10,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Family Income Management Trials (Cape York)	Leichhardt	\$1,447,988	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Family Magazine "Zena 21"	National,Reid	\$50,400	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Family Networks: Getting the Most for You and Your Child's Future	Holt	\$127,344	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Family Support Service	Barker	\$165,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Family Support Worker for Migrant Families in Auburn LGA	Reid	\$133,026	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Family Violence Prevention Program	Higgins,Melbourne Ports	\$297,484	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Family Wholeness Program	Brisbane	\$19,800	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Family Worker in Hackham West Community Centre	Kingston	\$80,253	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Fatherhood Support Project	Bonython,Port Adelaide	\$141,844	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Finding Yourself	Farrer,Murray	\$60,325	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Fit-out of Community Centre and Library in Aramac	Capricornia	\$16,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Food, Family and Culture Project	Brisbane	\$28,878	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Food-share - expansion to South and North Coasts	Gilmore,Page,Cowper	\$255,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Food-share - expansion to South and North Coasts - Variation	Sydney	\$15,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Footprints to the Future	Bass	\$137,080	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Forster trauma support	Paterson	\$75,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Fostering Resilient Families	Moore	\$330,670	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Friends of Campbelltown TAFE Child Studies Playgroup	Macarthur	\$81,800	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Fusion Mentoring Program	Wakefield	\$13,040	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Future Parents Program	Brisbane	\$226,323	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) Anti-Violence Committee (Townsville)	Herbert	\$64,755	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Geraldton Community Facilitator	O'Connor	\$25,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years

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Get Active	Dawson	\$1,300	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Getting their voice heard - strengthening the Aboriginal network in Halls Creek	Kalgoorlie	\$15,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Gilles Plains Community Garden Project	Sturt	\$20,470	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Girls' Time Out Pre-Parenting Support Program	Capricornia	\$92,238	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Glen Mervyn Young Women's Health Program	Kingsford-Smith	\$120,545	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Golden Plains Rural Development Program	Corangamite	\$35,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Good Beginnings - Latrobe	McMillan	\$286,092	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Good Beginnings/VACCA Indigenous Parenting Program	Batman,Jagajaga	\$68,316	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Goodwood Connect	Denison	\$236,693	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Gordon Estate Community Centre Coordinator	Parkes	\$236,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Goyder's Line Arid Botanical Garden & Interpretive Centre	Grey	\$15,693	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Grandparenting across cultures	Wills	\$200,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Great Mates	Stirling	\$280,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Great Southern Befrienders Project	O'Connor	\$2,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Groovy Grannies Woman's Day promotion	National	\$60,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Gudu Safe House development support - Eden	Eden-Monaro	\$18,250	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Gunnedah Miners Support Group--service access co-ordinator	Gwydir	\$17,230	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Gurriny Yealamaucka - Family Well Being Project	Leichhardt	\$79,600	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Gwabegar and Pilliga CommunityLink Centre Co-ordinator	Gwydir	\$161,400	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Hastings Women's and Children's Refuge	Lyne	\$82,250	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Hayes Park School and Community Hall	Throsby	\$2,800	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Healing and Re-empowerment	Brand	\$21,875	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Health Promoting Homes - parenting program	Fraser,Canberra	\$109,940	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Health Services Accommodation at Longreach	Capricornia	\$32,520	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
'Helping Families' - an Intensive Youth & Family Support Project	Kalgoorlie	\$231,120	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Hervey Bay Indigenous Community Leadership Training	Wide Bay	\$41,984	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Home based learning - Various Regions	Shortland	\$265,300	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Home Budgeting Program - Empowering the Community	Fraser,Canberra	\$2,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Home Services Directory	Ryan	\$1,600	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Horn of Africa Recreation/Education program -	Melbourne	\$11,828	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years

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Sewing project			
Horton House Nursing Home - Breakfast Club	Hume	\$5,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Hunter Caravan Parks - Community Leadership Strategy	Shortland	\$87,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Hunter Childrens Services Forum	Newcastle	\$100,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Hunter Community Renewal Scheme - Hunter Housing Maintenance Employment Training Project	Shortland	\$60,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Hyden People Care Support Officer	O'Connor	\$112,952	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
I Care About Me	Gwydir	\$3,250	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Illawarra Community Development Partnership	Throsby	\$539,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Imagine Kwinana (Building a Stronger Kwinana)	Brand	\$50,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Indigenous Community Education (Financial Literacy) Project	Lingiari, Solomon	\$150,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
Indigenous Community Justice Mechanisms	National	\$80,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Indigenous Debutante Ball, Bourke	Gwydir	\$15,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Indigenous Diabetes Management and Care Program	Kalgoorlie	\$60,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Indigenous Home Instruction Program for Pre-school Youngsters (HIPPY)	Kingsford-Smith	\$200,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Indigenous Scouting Project	National	\$1,304,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Indigenous Youth & Men Social management Project	Grey	\$153,021	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Indigerelate Lismore	Richmond	\$200,910	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Integrated Approach to Family Capacity Building	Leichhardt	\$727,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Integrated Service Response to Pregnant and Parenting Young People	Forde	\$204,326	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
International Year of Volunteers Skills Development	National	\$50,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Island Quarry Community Participation Project - Byron Bay	Richmond	\$150,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Ivanhoe Youth Program	Parkes	\$42,500	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Journey of Healing and Hope Through Song	Brisbane	\$16,068	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Jumbunna Intensive Parenting Project	Page	\$195,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Jump Start	Maranoa	\$39,068	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Jumpstart	Brisbane, Lilley	\$28,004	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Kentish Community Capacity Building	Lyons	\$47,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Kickin the Blues	Parkes	\$83,354	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Kids + Sport	Fraser	\$150,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Kids Helping Kids with Disabilities	National	\$100,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years

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Kiwirrkurra Community Project	Kalgoorlie	\$120,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Koori Guudhas Playgroup	Hume	\$129,040	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Koori Parenting Project	Indi	\$159,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Krafty Kids Project	Gwydir	\$79,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Kunbarllanjina Strong Community Program	Lingiari	\$60,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Kununurra Men's House	Kalgoorlie	\$284,297	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Lajamanu Horse Sports	Lingiari	\$30,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Le Fevre Children's Drop-In Program	Port Adelaide	\$58,053	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Lead On	Mallee,Murray	\$260,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Lead On	Oxley	\$132,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Leadership Development Program for youth at Mowla Bluff.	Kalgoorlie	\$262,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Leadership Program in Miriam Vale	Hinkler	\$49,080	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Leadership Project	Melbourne	\$387,486	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Leadership Project	Sydney	\$18,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
LEGS (Learning, Enjoying, Growing and Support) for Early Childhood In Rystone	Calare	\$110,550	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Life Be In It Leadership Program	Adelaide	\$21,200	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Lightning Ridge Family and Community Workshops	Gwydir	\$45,800	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
local government mapping	Gellibrand	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local government mapping	Batman,Calwell,Melbourne,Wills	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years	
Local government mapping	Bendigo	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local government mapping	Bruce,Holt,Hotham,Isaacs	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local government mapping	Burke,Gellibrand,Lalor,Maribyrnong	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years	
Local government mapping	Corangamite,Corio	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local government mapping	Dunkley,Flinders	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Local government mapping	Gippsland	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Local government mapping	Indi,McEwen	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Local government mapping	McMillan	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local Government Mapping	Batman,Jagajaga	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local Government Mapping	Calwell	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local Government Mapping	Bendigo (Loddon Shire)	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Local government mapping exercise	Ballarat,Bendigo	\$10,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Local Volunteer Help Service	Canberra,Fraser	\$10,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year

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Lower Bucca PreSchool Group	Cowper	\$42,400	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Macarthur Resident Leadership project	Macarthur,Werriwa	\$253,476	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Making Happen a Nannup Community Project	Forrest	\$8,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Maleny Community Audit Needs Analysis and Strategic Plan	Longman	\$25,670	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Mandurah community development	Brand	\$7,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Mandurah Community Planning	Brand	\$33,455	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Mature Age Working Project	Bradfield	\$15,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Men and Family Relationships Program	Lyne	\$245,890	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Mens Mobile Resource Unit	Richmond	\$189,489	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Men's Parenting Program	Chisholm,Hotham	\$4,820	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Men's Shed	Barker	\$10,076	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Mentoring Program	Kingston	\$40,429	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Merredin Child Health Centre Relocation	Kalgoorlie	\$10,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
Mid West Gascoyne Parent Support Project (EIP)	O'Connor	\$250,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Mid West Parent Support Project - Phase 2 (SFF)	O'Connor	\$81,159	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Midvale Parenting Project	Pearce	\$198,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Miimi Mothers Creative Circles	Cowper	\$70,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Milang Community Resource Centre	Barker	\$27,626	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Minimbah Young Aboriginal Families Support Program	New England	\$191,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Minto Under 12's Project	Werriwa	\$393,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Mobile Community Facilitator - Western Sydney	Greenway,Mitchell	\$60,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Mobile Toy Library	Eden-Monaro	\$195,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Moira regional community revitalization program	Murray	\$75,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
MOPS: Mothers of PreSchoolers - Wyong	Dobell	\$5,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Mothers of Preschool Children (MOPS)	Wakefield	\$5,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Mt Pierre Experiential Learning Program	Kalgoorlie	\$80,355	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Muli Community (Woodenbong) Wheels to Meals Project.	Page	\$5,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Muloobinba Aboriginal Family Support Service	Hunter,Newcastle,Shortland	\$163,170	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Multicultural Council Family Officer	Solomon	\$117,068	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Multicultural Family and Community Building Project	Brisbane,Dawson,Fairfax,Fisher,Herbert,Hinkler,Leichhardt,McPherson,Moncrieff,Moreton,Rankin,Wide Bay		First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Multicultural Lifeskills Project	Rankin	\$338,325	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years

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Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre Workshops - Newcastle	Newcastle	\$45,249	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Multimedia and Stagecraft Training (MAST) [previously: Leadership, Training and Mentorship Pre-employment Skills for Youth]	Cowper	\$79,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Murilla Day Care Centre	Maranoa	\$28,300	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Murray Darling Basin Commission	National	\$60,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Murri Murri Month	Maranoa	\$10,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Nambucca Blokes Project	Cowper	\$76,697	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Nambucca Men's Shed	Cowper	\$96,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Narromine Community Needs Workshop	Parkes	\$6,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
National Arts & Museums Regional Volunteer Skills Project	National	\$600,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
National Capital Education Tourism Project	National	\$300,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
National Homelessness Conference	Solomon	\$1,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
National Peers Skills Program	National	\$173,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
National Torture and Trauma proposal	Solomon	\$144,546	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
National Volunteer Skills Centre	National	\$1,600,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Network of Ex-Residents of Queensland Institutions	State-Wide	\$219,864	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Networking the Networks	Curtin	\$22,345	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Newpin Fathers Program - Blacktown	Chifley,Greenway	\$216,300	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Non-English Speaking Background Parents Program	Moreton	\$150,296	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Noongar Nyininy Family Support Officer	O'Connor	\$12,230	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
Noosa Shire Pilot Program to Provide Intervention to Families and Friends Bereaved through Suicide	Fairfax	\$39,390	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
North Casino Management and Skills Project	Page	\$79,215	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Northern Country Regions Interest Free Loan Program	Grey	\$80,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Northern Rivers Indigenous Leadership Program	Lyne	\$210,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Northern Tablelands Aboriginal Planning Forum	New England,Cowper	\$186,860	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Northwest NSW Leadership Program - Ben Soc	New England	\$50,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Nundah Community Enterprise Cooperative	Lilley	\$24,450	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Ocean Shores Parenting, Relationships and Drug Awareness courses.	Richmond	\$20,095	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
On Track - Youth Leadership	National	\$980,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Orana Playgroup/ Early Intervention Project	Parkes	\$322,910	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Our Community - Answers from Within	Indi	\$21,090	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year

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Ourcommunity.com.au	National	\$84,909	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
P5 Program	Forde,Oxley	\$23,693	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
PALS Project	Kingston	\$22,700	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Parent Aide Program - Hervey Bay	Wide Bay	\$301,391	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Parent Trouble-shooting Team	Forde	\$16,765	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Parenting for Refugees	Bruce,Gellibrand	\$291,935	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Parenting program for Large Families	Melbourne Ports	\$32,400	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Parenting support service for teenage mums who use Balga Senior High School Childcare Service.	Stirling	\$157,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Parenting with Understanding Program	Barker,Grey,Wakefield	\$27,448	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Parents & Infants Connection Service (PICS)	Solomon	\$95,728	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Parents & Kids Together	Denison,Franklin,Lyons	\$325,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Parents of Hemiplegia children website.	National,Bennelong	\$5,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Parents Only (Adults Only)	Bonython	\$62,413	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Parents with a mental illness	Solomon	\$332,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Partnering Vulnerable Families	Curtin	\$339,880	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Partners in Parenting	Canberra	\$167,449	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Pathways for Families	Kingston	\$566,251	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Peace Park Nimbin	Page	\$33,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Peer Support Program	Higgins	\$34,511	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Phase 2 of the Kimberley Management Support Service Feasibility Study	Kalgoorlie	\$80,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Pingelly Youth Skate Park	Pearce	\$31,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Planning Project for Moree SFF Proposal	Gwydir	\$15,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Play Equipment for Erin House	Fairfax	\$20,100	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Playgroup In A Box	Lingiari	\$60,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Playgroup leaders for Ethnic Communities	Wills	\$42,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Positive Parenting of Toddlers : A primary care initiative	Melbourne	\$109,818	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Posters	Brisbane	\$3,180	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Power Community Youth Programme	National	\$100,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Preventing Family Violence Workshop	Brisbane	\$111,597	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Progressive Youth Promoting Positive Youth Leadership - Millmerran	Maranoa,Groom	\$102,900	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Promoting family and community wellness in the Spanish Speaking Community of Victoria	Burke,Calwell,Gellibrand,Lalor,Maribyrnong,McEwen	\$323,205	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years

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Provicare/Greek Archdiocese of Australia	Perth	\$250,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Pt Augusta Community Leadership Program	Grey	\$31,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Put the Spirit Back in Molendinar	Moncrieff	\$52,520	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Putting Eggs into Other Baskets	O'Connor	\$5,230	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Quality Relationships Alliance	Brand	\$407,870	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Ramingining Women's Centre	Lingiari	\$110,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Ramingining Womens Centre Project	Lingiari	\$40,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Reclaiming the Future - the Youth of Papunya Region	Lingiari	\$20,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
Recognition and Development of Emergency Management Volunteers	National	\$158,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Recreation support for young families	Grey	\$5,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Red Ochre Links - Dubbo	Parkes	\$358,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Redcliffe Domestic Violence Support Service Project	Petrie	\$100,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Relationship Skills - Far North Coast Schools	Richmond	\$325,140	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Relaying our Tracks	Grey	\$29,746	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Renovate/Extend premises to establish a Multi-functional Community Centre	Forrest	\$17,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Resourceful Parenting	Grey	\$224,530	First funded in 2001-2002 for 5 years
Returning Them Home - Video Production	Solomon	\$26,625	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Revitalising our Community	O'Connor	\$3,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
River Reconnect	Cowper	\$4,100	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
River Towns - Bourke	Gwydir	\$121,058	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
River Towns - Brewarrina	Gwydir	\$121,058	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
River Towns - Walgett	Gwydir	\$121,058	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
River Towns - Wilcannia	Parkes	\$121,058	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Riverwood Leadership Project	Banks	\$15,700	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Roebourne Cross Cultural Festival	Kalgoorlie	\$7,273	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Rural Family Counselling Service	Groom,Maranoa	\$535,034	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Rural Leadership Program	Adelaide	\$150,297	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Safe Schools Safe Communities	Canberra	\$5,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
School Readiness - Making the Transition from Preschool to School	Canberra	\$6,150	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
SDN Services Early Intervention Program - Waterloo	Sydney	\$319,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Seasons for Growth	Kalgoorlie	\$5,121	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Seasons Pre-Adolescent Parenting Program & Support Service	Sturt	\$156,496	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years

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Second Generation Young Vietnamese Parenting Project (Western Suburbs)	Adelaide,Port Adelaide	\$68,755	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Seeding and Sustaining Stronger Communities	Melbourne	\$85,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Sewing and Craft Group	Forrest	\$5,955	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Shoalhaven Youth Development Demonstration Project - Extension	Gilmore	\$45,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Silkwood Early Learning Centre	Kennedy	\$29,705	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Silver Bridle Community Capacity Building	Moncrieff	\$26,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Sleep on Satellite	Swan	\$105,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Small Rural Communities conference	Indi	\$17,280	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
SMILE: Supporting Mothers in a Loving Environment	Parkes	\$46,370	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
South Inverell Residents Association Self Management Project	New England,Gwydir	\$45,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
South Kempsey Mums Craft Group and Kids Club	Lyne	\$60,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
South West Area Network (SWAN) Building Local Capacity	Blair,Groom,Maranoa,Wide Bay	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years	
South West Financial Solutions	Forrest	\$11,300	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Southern Fleurieu Early Childhood and Parenting Program	Barker	\$179,422	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Southern Rangelands Regional Youth Council	Grey	\$30,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Southside Good Beginnings Home Visiting Program	Canberra	\$157,141	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Spirit of Peachey Project	Bonython	\$203,850	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Spirit of the West	Adelaide,Hindmarsh,Port Adelaide	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year	
SportConnect - A Leadership Program for Young Australians	National	\$640,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Sporting Heroes Project	National	\$150,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
St Saviours Guided Playsessions	Hume	\$11,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Stage 2 - Regional Stores Policy Project	Grey	\$169,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Stonger Families and Communities - Stage 2	Bruce,Holt,Hotham,Isaacs	\$62,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Streetcruise	Richmond	\$37,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Strengthening Families - Stage 2	Corio	\$39,632	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Strengthening Families across the Ngaanyatjarra Lands	Kalgoorlie	\$1,041,250	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Strengthening Families in Wiluna and the Western Desert	Kalgoorlie	\$202,400	First funded in 2003-2004 for 3 years
Strengthening Families Program	Brisbane,Dickson,Lilley,Petrie	\$201,140	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Strengthening Families Project Variation	Bowman	\$218,034	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year

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Strengthening Indigenous Communities Pilots (Wadeye)	National	\$250,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Strengthening Links (Demonstration Project)	Adelaide	\$223,848	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Strengthening Mining Families in the Eastern Goldfields	Kalgoorlie	\$200,460	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Stretching the Boundaries	McPherson, Moncrieff	\$24,668	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Stronger Families and Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	Ryan	\$198,912	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Stronger Families and Communities Strategy - Phase 2 Project	Batman	\$45,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Stronger Farm Families	Gwydir	\$162,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Stronger women Stronger Communities	Murray	\$31,554	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Stump-Jump Community Leadership Program	Farrer	\$207,900	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Support for Families of Children with a Disability	Higgins, State-Wide	\$389,800	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Supported Play Groups, Ashmont Estate, Wagga Wagga	Riverina	\$51,915	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Supporting Children and families where a parent has a mental illness	Curtin	\$391,850	First funded in 2003-2004 for 3 years
TAD - Volunteer recruitment and promotion program	Bennelong, State-Wide	\$40,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Talking Realities Peer Leader Project	Port Adelaide	\$91,857	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Taree Locale - Bus shed	Lyne	\$6,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Tasmania's Can Do Community Leadership Workshop	Bass, Braddon, Denison, Franklin, Lyons		
Tennant Creek Youth Initiative and Safe Community Strategy	Lingiari	\$260,890	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
The Active Community Project	Canberra	\$45,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
The Animation Project	Macarthur	\$149,200	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
The Back Verandah	Grey	\$316,739	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
The Better Life Project	Brisbane	\$243,770	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
The Bush Breakaway Youth Action Program	Grey	\$76,069	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
The Everyday of Parenting	Richmond	\$160,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
The Family Connections Project	Prospect	\$87,300	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
The Family Day Care 'Working with Families' Project	Bonython	\$125,966	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
The Foundation	Herbert	\$12,200	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
The GAIN Project - "Growing an Innovative Neighbourhood"	Burke, Calwell, McEwen	\$165,030	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
The Gold Coast School and Community FAMILIES Project	Fadden, Moncrieff, McPherson, Forde		

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The Jigsaw 2020 Project	Dobell	\$40,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
The Mukinbudin FM Radio Fund	O'Connor	\$9,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
The Pines Community Building Project	Dunkley	\$496,440	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
The Platforms Strategy	Maribyrnong,Wills	\$318,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
The Play Program	Cowper	\$79,430	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
The Story of A Can Do Community Delivering Through A Social Coalition	National	\$23,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
The Strengthening Families Project	Griffith	\$172,761	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
The Sunrise Project	Melbourne Ports	\$14,865	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
The Way Forward: A Young Women's Leadership Program	Brisbane	\$350,630	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
The WellingTONNE Challenge	Gwydir	\$17,600	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Through the Looking Glass - a community partnership in parenting	Adelaide	\$98,530	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Tijikala Men's Centre	Solomon	\$38,589	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Tjurabalan Community Capacity Building Pilot Project	Kalgoorlie	\$100,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Tomorrow's Leaders Camps	Solomon	\$212,742	First funded in 2000-2001 for 4 years
Toowoomba Home Visitation Program	Groom	\$211,671	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Top end family forum	Kalgoorlie	\$26,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Touch Football	Lilley	\$9,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Train the trainer project for Tamworth Seniors Computer Club	New England	\$4,500	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Training volunteers in pre and post natal support - State wide	State-Wide	\$308,095	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Transition to High School Parenting Program	Lilley,Petrie	\$158,331	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Transport Co-ordinator - Diamantina Shire	Maranoa	\$34,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Triple M Project: Murri Men MENDING	Oxley	\$271,092	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Tungkillo Community Hall	Wakefield	\$32,910	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Under 5's - Read to Me	Blair	\$46,197	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
United Community Spirit	Herbert	\$14,600	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Unleashed - Goondiwindi Youth Conference	Maranoa	\$40,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Upgrade of Community Centre and Library in Muttaborra	Kennedy	\$15,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Urban Community Foundations	National	\$194,691	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
URGENT	Corio	\$49,600	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
UTS Community Leadership Program	Macarthur,Greenway,Chifley	\$213,594	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Valley's Field Day	Blair	\$16,841	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year

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Valuing Volunteers - Training and support program	Gippsland	\$87,541	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Variation WAVES Program: Welfare And Vocational Extended Support	Newcastle	\$30,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Victorian Koori Community Leadership Projects	Melbourne	\$175,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Volunteer Here!	Burke	\$19,800	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Volunteer Recruitment and Training	Solomon	\$154,922	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Volunteer Skills Development in ER services.	State-Wide	\$240,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Volunteer Training	National	\$40,435	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Volunteering NSW: Skills Passport	National	\$78,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 2 years
Volunteers assiting families with a parent who has an acquired brain injury	Adelaide	\$6,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Wagin Lakes Cultural Heritage Study	O'Connor	\$7,200	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Walgett Aboriginal Mens Group	Gwydir	\$305,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Wallangarra 'discover your personal best'	Maranoa	\$4,988	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Wanneroo-Stirling Community Facilitator	Cowan	\$25,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
WASH House - early intervention for parents Mt Druitt	Chifley	\$78,150	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
WAVES Program: Welfare And Vocational Extended Support	Newcastle,Charlton	\$90,000	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Wednesday Mothers Group	Parkes	\$30,029	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Welcome Brimbank	Burke,Calwell,Gellibrand,Lalor,Maribyrnong	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years	
Wellington Community Net-workers	Gwydir	\$140,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
West Belconnen Good Beginnings Program	Fraser	\$136,695	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
West Kempsey parents group facilitator	Cowper	\$40,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Wheatbelt Community Builders Clusters project	O'Connor	\$60,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Wheatbelt Community Development Officer project	O'Connor	\$25,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Whittlesea Volunteer Action Project	McEwen	\$235,523	First funded in 2002-2003 for 4 years
Wide Bay Burnett Indigenous Stronger Family Program	Hinkler,Wide Bay	\$937,132	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Wide Bay/Burnett Building Rural Leaders Program	Hinkler,Wide Bay	\$116,312	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Wilderness Intervention Program	Curtin	\$240,259	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years

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Windorah Sports Camp 2001	Capricornia,Maranoa	\$4,500	First funded in 2000-2001 for 1 year
Windorah Sports Camp 2003-04	Maranoa	\$10,650	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
With Work In Sight	State-Wide	\$40,000	First funded in 2003-2004 for 1 year
Woodbine Community for Safer Skate Park	Macarthur	\$20,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Childhood Early Intervention project	Fraser	\$103,528	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Wugularr Community Video Project	Lingiari	\$22,500	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Wugularr Womens Activities	Lingiari	\$25,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Wyong Shire Local Solutions Development Project	Dobell	\$43,200	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Xavier Sibling Group Project	Griffith	\$30,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Yarram and District Young People's Enterprise	Gippsland	\$33,700	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Yarrenty-Arltere Learning Centre	Lingiari	\$142,440	First funded in 2000-2001 for 3 years
Yellow Bus Service, Albury	Farrer	\$80,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Yothu Yindi School Tour	Lingiari,Solomon	\$60,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Young children and families meet the service system	Indi	\$145,616	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Young Families Support Service	Groom,Maranoa	\$264,601	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Young Families with Problematic Substance Use	Newcastle	\$99,551	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Young Family Support Project	Herbert	\$524,320	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Young Leaders in rural Australia	Not Known		First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Young Media Australia	National	\$207,450	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Young Mums Group	Mallee	\$14,250	First funded in 2001-2002 for 4 years
Young Mums Support Project - Phase 2 (SFF)	Curtin	\$45,165	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years

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Young Mums Support Project (EIP)	Curtin	\$183,405	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Young Parenting Project	Hume	\$91,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Young People as Community Leaders	Kingston	\$154,800	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Youth - Development, Recreation, Entertainment and Management (Y-DREAM)	Solomon	\$98,085	First funded in 2002-2003 for 3 years
Youth Action Centres - Latrobe City	McMillan	\$281,202	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Youth and Community Development Program	Farrer	\$22,680	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Youth Community Connections	Adelaide	\$70,019	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Youth Facilitator in Mount Morgan	Hinkler	\$40,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Youth Forum	La Trobe	\$5,850	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year
Youth Information, Referral and Outreach Service	Dawson	\$405,270	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Youth Insearch camps for young people	State-Wide	\$73,200	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Youth Insearch camps for young people	State-Wide	\$78,610	First funded in 2001-2002 for 2 years
Youth Leadership Development Project	Kennedy	\$146,732	First funded in 2002-2003 for 2 years
Youth Opportunities	Bonython,Makin	\$100,000	First funded in 2001-2002 for 3 years
Youth services website - Illawarra.	Cunningham	\$10,000	First funded in 2002-2003 for 1 year
Yuelamu Community Activities	Lingiari	\$15,800	First funded in 2001-2002 for 1 year

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Question No: 46

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Hansard Page: CA378

Senator Bishop asked:

Stronger Families and Communities Strategy –

- (a) Please provide for each state the name, location, grant funding amount, federal electorate and funding duration for each project
- (b) Please provide a table that shows the budgeted allocation for each of the sub programs within the strategy for the forward estimates period
- (c) Please include in that table the amount of budgeted funding that is yet to be assigned to an approved applicant organisation or project.

Answer:

(a) See Attached Table

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(b) Forward estimates of administered expenses from annual appropriations for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (\$m.):

Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Stronger families fund	7.660	11.599	16.132	16.503	16.882
Early intervention	10.339	15.597	15.972	16.339	16.715
Child care	9.555	12.359	12.631	12.897	13.167
Leadership	7.530	8.568	10.219	10.454	10.695
Local solutions	2.955	3.246	3.974	4.065	4.159
Volunteers	2.360	2.331	2.930	2.997	3.066
Total	40.399	53.701	61.858	63.255	64.684

It should be noted that the Stronger Families and Community Strategy is a lapsing program and will be subject to review in the 2004-05 Budget context under the lapsing program review requirements.

The effects of the Strategy on departmental appropriations and on administered expenses from special appropriations are not uniquely identified in the forward estimates, and would have changed over time since the 2000-01 Budget due to factors such as changes to indexation parameters. The following figures, which include the effects of such changes in factors, are therefore estimates.

Estimated expenses from special appropriations for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (\$m.):

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Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Child care	10.489	17.229	17.712	18.154	18.608

Estimated expenses from departmental appropriations for the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy (\$m.):

Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
All	9.469	12.022	7.174	12.594	7.507

The following are the original figures as at 2000-01 Budget for those initiatives which are met solely from departmental expenses.

Includes Longitudinal study (\$m.)

Initiative	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Longitudinal study	0.500	3.600	0.501	5.401	0.500
Can do community	1.800	0.800	-	-	-
Communication	1.001	1.000	-	-	-

c) See table attached [Note: the table has not been included in the electronic/printed volume]

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Question No: 39

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Hansard Page: CA358

Senator Collins asked:

Stronger Families and Communities Strategy –

- (a) Please provide a list of the types of projects that were seeking funding prior to this announcement
- (b) applications by community groups for consideration for funding

Answer:

(a) and (b) Attached is a list of community based applications (project outlines) seeking funding prior to the announcement of the Early Childhood Initiative by the initiative of the Strategy they applied for funding under.

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Question No: 44

Topic: Stronger Families and Communities Strategy

Hansard Page: CA365

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide details of the electorate each project is based in.

Answer:

Projects announced under the Early Childhood Initiative and the electorates they are based in are shown in the attached table.

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Project Title	Electorate
Second Generation Young Vietnamese Parenting Project (Western Suburbs)	Adelaide,Port Adelaide
Cross Cultural Parenting (Northern Suburbs)	Bonython,Makin
Redland Community Centre Strengthening Families Project	Bowman
The GAIN Project - "Growing an Innovative Neighbourhood"	Burke,Calwell,McEwen
Lower Bucca PreSchool Group	Cowper
Equipment for Children's Therapy Playgroup	Longman
Murilla Day Care Centre	Maranoa
Dads Admitted Back To Society (DADS)	Oxley
The Everyday of Parenting	Richmond
National Research Alliance for Children & Youth projects	National
Grandparents and Young Children	National

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Question No: 41

Topic: Taskforce on Child Development, Health and Wellbeing

Hansard Page: CA#/Written question on notice: CA 362

Senator Bishop asked: Taskforce on Child Development, Health and Wellbeing –

- (a) please provide a list of each forum where you had the consultation process under way
- (b) a list of invitees
- (c) a list of attendees?

Answer:

- (a) Refer to table below for details: nineteen consultation meetings were held across Australia between 26 March and 10 June 2003.

National and Regional Consultations	State/Territory level Consultations
Canberra 26 March	
Melbourne 1 May	
	Melbourne 6 May
	Sydney 8 May
Sydney 9 May	
	Townsville (part Indigenous) 15 May
	Brisbane (Indigenous) 16 May
Mackay 19 May	Darwin (part Indigenous) 19 May
	Sydney (Indigenous) 20 May
Mt Gambier (SA) 23 May	Alice Springs (part Indigenous) 23 May
Bunbury (WA) 26 May	Dubbo (Indigenous) 26 May
	Adelaide 27 May
	Perth 27 May
	Hobart 28 May
	Canberra 28 May
Lismore (NSW) 10 June	

- (b) and (c) Lists of potential invitees were compiled based on recommendations and advice from the Commonwealth departments represented on the Taskforce. Complete lists of all organisations invited (indicating attendance or non-attendance) have been provided in an excel attachment labelled QON Amalgamated invite list.xls.

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Location	Date	Organisation Invited	Attended
Canberra	26-Mar-03	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)	YES
		ACROD (National Industry Association for Disability)	YES
		ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services	NO
		ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services	YES
		ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety	NO
		ACT Health	YES
		Australian Bureau of Statistics	YES
		Australian College of Educators	NO
		Australian Early Childhood Association	NO
		Australian Foster Care Association	NO
		Australian Institute of Criminology	YES
		Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	YES
		Australian Local Government Association	NO
		Canberra Preschool Society	NO
		Carers Australia	NO
		Catholic Welfare Australia	YES
		Centrelink, Families and Community Segment	YES
		Child Support Agency	NO
		Children's Hospitals and Paediatric Units Australasia	NO
		Consumers Health Forum of Australia	NO
		Defence Community Organisation	YES
		Department of Communications, Information, Technology and the Arts	YES
		Families Australia	YES
		Family Court of Australia	YES
		Family Services Australia	YES
		National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation	NO
		National Community Child Health Council	YES
Public Health Association of Australia	NO		
Relationships Australia	YES		
Royal College of Nursing, Australia	YES		
Melbourne	1-May-03	Anglicare Victoria	YES
		Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia	NO

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Australian Breastfeeding Association	YES
Australian Council for Children and Youth Services	YES
Australian Council for Education Research	YES
Australian Education Union	YES
Australian Federation of Child Care Associations	NO
Australian Infant Mental Health Association	YES
Australian Primary Principals Association	NO
Australian Psychological Society	YES
Australian Scholarship Group-Friendly Society	YES
Child and Family Care Network INC	YES
Federal Magistrates Service	NO
Kindergarten Parents Victoria	YES
Ministerial Council of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs	NO
National Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee	NO
National Alliance for Disability, Resources and Training Agencies	NO
National Association of Community Based Children's Services	YES
National Outside School Hours Services Association	NO
National Peak Ethnic Children's Service Network	YES
National Public Health Partnership	YES
Playgroup Council of Australia	YES
Royal Australian College Of General Practitioners	NO
Save the Children Fund	YES
Secretariat of the National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)	YES
Tasmanian Commissioner for Children	NO
The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists	NO
Victorian Department for Victorian Communities, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria	NO
Victorian Department of Education and Training, Community Partnerships	YES
Victorian Department of Human Services	YES
Victorian Department of Human Services, Best Start	YES
Victorian Department of Justice	NO
Victorian Department of Justice, Crime Prevention	NO
Victorian Office of Multicultural Affairs	YES

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Sydney	9-May-03	Association for the Welfare of Child Health	YES
		Australian Association of Parenting and Child Health Inc - Tresillian Family Care Centres	YES
		Australian Confederation of Child Care	YES
		Australian Council Of Social Services (ACOSS)	YES
		Australian Divisions of General Practice	YES
		Australian Early Childhood Association	YES
		Australian Medical Association, Child and Youth Health Committee	YES
		Australian Parents Council	YES
		Australian Primary Schools Association	NO
		Cabinet Office, The	YES
		Carers Australia	NO
		Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia	YES
		CREATE Foundation	NO
		National Family Day Care Council	YES
		Human Rights and Equal Opportunities Commissioner	NO
		National Association of Mobile Services	NO
		National Child Care Accreditation Council	YES
		National Occasional Care Association	YES
		National Outside School Hours Service Association	YES
		NSW Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee	NO
		NSW Commission for Children	YES
		NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs	NO
		NSW Department of Community Services	YES
		NSW Department of Community Services, Parenting Association	NO
		NSW Department of Education and Training	YES
		NSW Department of Health	YES
		NSW Department of Juvenile Justice	NO
		NSW Multicultural Health Communication Service	YES
		NSW Office of Children & Young People	YES
		NSW Office of the Children's Guardian	YES
		QLD Commission for Children	YES
		Royal Australian College of Physicians, Paediatrics and Child Health Division	YES
		YWCA - Young Women's Christian Association, National Office	YES
Mackay	19-May-03	Aboriginal and Islander Health Service, Mackay	YES

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	Carers Respite Centre, Mackay	NO
	Centacare, North Mackay	YES
	Child and Family Health, Mackay	YES
	Education Queensland-Mackay	YES
	George St Neighbourhood Centre, South Mackay	NO
	Good Beginnings, South Mackay	YES
	Kookaburra Child Care Centre, Andergrove	YES
	Lifeline, Mackay	NO
	Mackay and District Australian South Sea Islander Assoc.	YES
	Mackay Child Care Centre	YES
	Mackay Children's Support Program	YES
	Mackay City Council	YES
	Playgroup Association, Milton	NO
	Pregnancy Help Mackay	YES
	QLD Department of Families	NO
	Regional Council for Social Development, Mackay	YES
	Women's Health & Info Centre, Mackay	NO
	Youth Information Referral Service, Mackay	YES
Mt Gambier	23-May-03	
	Burrardies Aboriginal Corporation	NO
	Centrelink	YES
	City of Mt Gambier, Corporate and Community Services	NO
	District Court	NO
	Divisions of General Practice	NO
	Earlylinks	YES
	Gladys Smith Early Learning Centre	YES
	Grant Council	NO
	Kingston District Council	NO
	Mt Gambier Community Health Services	YES
	Mt Gambier Hospital	NO
	Murray Bridge Education Office, Aboriginal Education	NO
	Naracoorte/Lucindale Council	NO
	Options	NO
	Robe District Council	YES
	SA Department of Education and Children's Services	YES
	SA Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, TAFE	YES
	SA Department of Health, Rural Health	NO
	SA Department of Human Services, Early Intervention, Child and Youth Health Services	NO

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		SA Department of Human Services, Community Development Worker	YES
		SA Department of Human Services, Family and Youth Services	YES
		SE Aboriginal Health Advisory Committee	YES
		SE Aboriginal Health Partnership	NO
		SE Regional Community Health Service, Aboriginal Health	NO
		SE Regional Health Service	NO
		Wattle Range Council	NO
Bunbury	26-May-03	Agencies for South West Accommodation	YES
		Anglicare Family Visiting Service	NO
		Bunbury Child Care Service	NO
		Bunbury Primary Health Service	NO
		Centrelink	YES
		City of Bunbury	YES
		Community House, Milligan House (Child Care)	YES
		Disability Services Commission	YES
		Divisions of General Practice	NO
		Edith Cowan University, School of Professional Community Services	NO
		Geographic Community Centre, Busselton (Family Day Care)	YES
		Investing in our Youth	NO
		South West Carers Respite Centre	NO
		South West Women's Health and Information Centre	NO
		South West Aboriginal Medical Service	YES
		South West Mental Health Services	NO
		South West Parenting Services	YES
		South West Population Health	YES
		Southern Aboriginal Corporation, Building Solid Families, Albany	NO
		WA Department for Community Development	YES
		WA Department of Education and Training	NO
		WA Department of Health, Perth	NO
		WA Department of Housing and Works	NO
		WA Department of Indigenous Affairs, Regional Heritage	NO
		WA Department of Justice, Community Justice Services	NO

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Lismore	10-Jun-03	ABC Learning Centre	NO
		Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness Committee, Ballina Primary	NO
		Ballina Early Intervention Service	NO
		Ballina Youth & Children's Service	NO
		Ballina-Byron Family Support	NO
		Byron Bay Pre-School Inc	YES
		Byron Shire Council	NO
		Byron Shire Council, Care Inclusion Support Team	NO
		Clarence Valley Family Day Care	NO
		Coffs Harbour Neighbourhood Centre	NO
		Community Connections	YES
		Cooloon Children's Centre	YES
		East Lismore Community Preschool	YES
		Families First, NSW Cabinet Office	YES
		Fox Street Preschool	YES
		Gingerbread House Occasional Care	YES
		Goonellabah Preschool	YES
		Jarjum Preschool	NO
		Jumbunna Community Pre-School & Early Intervention Centre	NO
		Lismore Early Intervention Program	NO
		Lismore Family Centre	NO
		Lismore In Home Care and Lismore Family Day Care	YES
		Northern Rivers Area Health Service	YES
		Northern Rivers Divisions of General Practice	YES
		NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC)	NO
		NSW Department of Community Services - Aboriginal Services	NO
		NSW Department of Community Services - Children's Services Advisors	NO
		Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre Outside School Hours Care	NO
		Share Vision Aboriginal Corporation	YES
		Southern Cross University	NO
		Teddy Bears Childcare Centre	NO
		Tintenbar Child Care and Learning Centre	YES

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Tweed Early Intervention Program	NO
Tweed Shire Family Day Care	YES
Tweed Shire Vacation Care	NO

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Melbourne	6-May-03	Anglicare - St Lukes, Bendigo	NO
		Australians Against Child Abuse	YES
		Berry Street	YES
		Centacare Catholic Family Services	NO
		Child and Family Services Ballarat	NO
		Child Welfare Association of Victoria	YES
		City of Moonee Valley	YES
		City of Wodonga	NO
		Community Child Care	YES
		Free Kindergarten Association, Multicultural Resource Centre	NO
		Goulburn Valley Family Care	NO
		Kildonan Child and Family Services, Uniting Church	NO
		Kingston City Council	YES
		Mackillop Family Services	YES
		Municipal Association of Victoria	YES
		Noah's Ark Toy Library for Children with Disabilities	NO
		Playgrouping Victoria	YES
		Quantum Support Services, Traralgon	NO
		Relationships Australia Vic	NO
		Royal Childrens Hospital, Centre for Community Child Health	NO
		Scope (Vic) Ltd	YES
		Southern Family Life Association	YES
		The Salvation Army - Victorian Social Program Consultancy Unit	NO
		Uniting Care Connections	YES
		Uniting Care Victoria and Tasmania	YES
		Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Association	YES
		Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc.	YES
		Victorian Cooperative of Children's Services for Ethnic Groups,	NO
		Victorian Parenting Centre	YES
		Yooralla	YES
Sydney	8-May-03	Australian Health Promoting Schools Association	NO
		Australian Primary Schools Association	YES
		Barnardos	NO
		Carers NSW	NO

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		Centacare Catholic Family Services	NO
		Centrelink, NSW Child Support Unit Redfern	NO
		Centrelink	NO
		Child and Family Health Nurses Association NSW Inc	NO
		Community Child Care Co-Operative Ltd	YES
		Deaf Society of NSW	NO
		Ethnic Communities Council of NSW Inc	NO
		Families First, NSW Cabinet Office	NO
		Family Action Centre (Newcastle)	NO
		Family Support Services Association of NSW	NO
		Good Beginnings, Australia	NO
		Home Care Service of NSW, Aboriginal Services	NO
		Kids Help Line	NO
		Local Government Community Services Association	YES
		Mission Australia	YES
		NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)	YES
		NSW Department of Community Services	NO
		NSW Department of Corrective Services	NO
		NSW Department of Education & Training	NO
		NSW Family Day Care Assoc Inc	NO
		NSW Pregnancy & Newborn Services Network	NO
		NSW Premier's Department	NO
		Parents & Citizens Federation of NSW	YES
		Playgroup Assoc of NSW	NO
		Relationships Australia (NSW)	YES
		Salvation Army	NO
		Save the Children Australia	NO
		SDN (Sydney Day Nursery) Children's Services Inc.	NO
		Sole Parent's Union	NO
		South Western Sydney Area Health Service, Community Paediatrics	YES
		St Vincent de Paul	NO
		The Australian Centre for Health Promotion	YES
		The Benevolent Society of NSW	YES
		Uniting Care Burnside	YES
		University of Western Sydney, Childhood & Youth Policy Research Unit	NO
		Wesley Mission	YES
Adelaide	27-May-03	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission	YES
		Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc	NO
		Aboriginal Resource and Management Services Unit	NO

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Anglicare	YES
Australian Medical Association, Committee on Children's Health	NO
Centacare Catholic Family Services	YES
Centrelink	YES
Child and Youth Health (SA Department of Human Services)	YES
Child Support Agency	NO
Department of Immigration and Multiculturalism and Indigenous Affairs	YES
Diversity Directions (support for services to include DCALB children)	YES
Gowrie Training Centre (training for child care services)	YES
Inclusion SA (support for services to include children with special needs)	YES
Local Government Association	NO
Multicultural Communities Council	NO
Muna Paiendi Community Health Centre	NO
National Council of Single Mothers and their Children	YES
National Investment for the Early Years, (NIFTeY) SA	YES
Nunawarrin Yunti of SA Inc	NO
Parenting Network (Community Development approach to parents)	NO
Primary Health Care Research and Information Service, Dept of General Practice, Flinders University	NO
Public Health Association, Child Health Special Interest Group	NO
Remote and Isolated Children's Exercise	YES
SA Attorney - General's Department, Crime Prevention Unit	NO
SA Department of Education and Children's Services, Curriculum Early Years	NO
SA Department of Education and Children's Services, Aboriginal Education Unit	YES
SA Department of Education and Children's Services, Early Childhood Research	NO
SA Department of Human Services	YES
SA Department of Human Services, Aboriginal Services Division	NO
SA Department of Human Services, Disability Services, Social Justice and Country Division	YES
SA Department of Human Services, Equity and Diversity	NO
SA Department of Human Services, Families and Children	YES
SA Department of Human Services, Family and Youth Services	YES
SA Department of Human Services, Social Justice and Country	NO
SA Divisions of General Practice Inc	NO
South Australian Council of Social Services (SACOSS)	YES
University of Adelaide, Public Health Information Development Unit	YES
University of South Australia, de Lissa Institute of Early Childhood and Family Studies	YES
Wesley Uniting Mission	NO
Women's and Children's Hospital, Child and Mental Health Services	NO

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Perth	27-May-03	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission	NO
		Aboriginal Education and Training Council	NO
		Australian Bureau of Statistics	YES
		Australian Early Childhood Association (AECA), Meerilinga	YES
		Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY),	YES
		Carewest (community based long day care)	YES
		Centrelink	NO
		Child Support Agency	NO
		Childcare Association of Western Australia (CAWA)	YES
		Curtin University of Technology, Centre for Aboriginal Studies	NO
		Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service	NO
		Disability Services Commission	YES
		Ethnic Communities Council	NO
		Family Day Care Schemes of Western Australia	YES
		General Practice Divisions of Western Australia	NO
		Lotterywest	YES
		National Alliance of Disability Resource and Training Agencies (NADRATA)	YES
		SNAICC (Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care)	NO
		TVW Telethon Institute for Child Health Research	YES
		WA Department for Community Development	YES
		WA Department for Planning and Infrastructure	NO
		WA Department of Education and Training	YES
		WA Department of Education and Training, Early Childhood	YES
		WA Department of Health	YES
		WA Department of Housing and Works	YES
		WA Department of Indigenous Affairs	NO
		WA Department of Justice	NO
		WA Department of Local Government and Regional Development	YES
		WA Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Social Policy	YES
		WACOSS (Western Australian Council of Social Services)	NO
Western Australian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation	NO		
Women's and Children's Health Services (Princess Margaret and King Edward Memorial Hospitals)	YES		
Hobart	28-May-03	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission	NO
		Anglicare Tasmania Inc	YES
		Australian Early Childhood Association, Tas	YES
		Centacare Tasmania	YES
		Centrelink	YES

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	Child & Family Welfare Association of Tasmania	NO
	Child Health Association, Tas	YES
	Child Support Agency	NO
	Council on the Ageing (Tasmania) Inc.	NO
	CREATE Foundation	NO
	Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs	YES
	Early Support for Parents	YES
	Family Court	NO
	Family Day Carers Association	NO
	Family Support Services Association	YES
	Good Beginnings	YES
	Isolated Children and Parents Association	YES
	Playgroup Association, Tasmania	YES
	Relationships Australia	NO
	Resource and Training Agency, Lady Gowrie	YES
	Salvation Army Tasmania	YES
	Tas Department of Education	YES
	Tas Department of Health and Human Services	YES
	TasCOSS (Tasmanian Council of Social Services)	NO
	Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre	NO
	Tasmanian Association of Children's Services	YES
	Tasmanian Association of Community Houses	NO
	Tasmanian Community Fund	NO
	Tasmanian General Practice Divisions Ltd	YES
Canberra	28-May-03	
	ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services	NO
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Child Abuse Prevention and Education	NO
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Child Protection Unit	NO
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Children's Plan	YES
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Children's Services	YES
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Children's Services Branch, Early Intervention Program	YES
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Children's Services Council	NO
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Children's, Youth and Family Services Policy	YES
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Community Partnerships and Schools Development	NO
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Family Services	YES
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Preschool Services	NO
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Schools as Communities	YES
	ACT Department of Education, Youth and Family Services, Schools Operations	NO

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ACT Department of Health and Community Care, Mental Health ACT	NO
ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety	YES
ACT Department of Justice and Community Safety, Criminal Law and Justice Group	NO
ACT Divisions of General Practice	NO
ACT Health and Community Care, Child, Youth and Women's Program	YES
ACT Office for Women	NO
Anglicare, Canberra and Goulburn	YES
Association of Child Care Directors, ACT	YES
Barnardos Australia	NO
Belconnen Community Service	YES
Canberra Hospital, Women's and Children's Health	YES
Chief Minister John Stanhope's Office	NO
Child Health and Development Services	YES
Communities at Work	YES
Companion House Assisting Survivors of Trauma and Torture	NO
Department of Health and Ageing, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Child and Maternal Health and Communicable Diseases Section	YES
Good Beginnings	YES
Marymead Child and Family Centre	YES
Office of Child Care	NO
Office of Simon Corbell MLA	YES
Out of School Hours Care Association, ACT	YES
Southside Community Services	YES
University of Canberra, Teacher Education	YES
Winnunga Nimmitjyah Aboriginal Health Services	NO
Woden Community Services Inc	NO
YWCA of Canberra	NO

Location	Date	Organisation Invited	Attended
Townsville (mixed)	15-May-03	Amaroo Child Care Centre	YES
		Australian Red Cross, Townsville	YES
		Billy Lids Kindy	YES
		Busy Kids	NO
		Captain Teddy's Kindy	YES
		Centrelink, Townsville	YES
		Child Support Agency, Townsville	NO
		Creche & Kindergarten Assoc	YES
		Department of Education, Science and Training, National Indigenous English Literacy and Numeracy Strategy Project	NO
		Department of Health and Ageing, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	YES
		Education Qld	YES

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Good Beginnings	YES
Indigenous Children's Services Unit	YES
Inner City Family Day Care	YES
James Cook University, Public Health and Tropical Medicine	NO
James Cook University, School of Education	NO
James Cook University, School of Nursing Sciences	YES
Kelso Kindy	YES
Kindergarten Headstart	NO
Kutjala Kindergarten	NO
Lifeline North Qld	YES
Magani Malu Kes	YES
Mental Illness Fellowship	YES
Migrant Resource Centre	YES
National Outside School Hours care Services Association (NOSHSA)	NO
Playgroup Assoc	YES
Qld Children's Activity Network	YES
Qld Department of Families, Child Protection	YES
Qld Department of Families, Community Support Services	YES
Qld Department of Health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health	YES
Qld Department of Health, Child Health	YES
Qld Department of Health, Tropical Public Health	YES
Qld Youth Service	YES
Relationships Australia, Family Support Worker	YES
Shalom Christian College	NO
Thuringowa City Council	NO
Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service	YES
Townsville City Council, Child Care Development	YES
Townsville City Council, Community Services	YES
Townsville City Council, Family Worker	YES
Townsville TAFE, Teacher Early Childhood	NO
Unicare Child Care Centre	YES
Women's Info Link	NO
Young Families Support Service	YES
Brisbane	
16-May-03	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission	YES
Bahloo Women's Shelter, Woolloongabba	YES
Brisbane City Council	NO
Creche & Kindergarten Association Qld	YES
Creche & Kindergarten Association Qld, Woodridge and Logan Family Day Care Project	YES
Cross Cultural Child Care Unit, Gold Coast (Supplementary Service, Child Care Services)	YES

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		Education Queensland - Indigenous Education Consultative Body	YES
		Family Day Care Association of Queensland	YES
		Kalwun Development Corporation, Nerang (Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency)	NO
		Kin Kin Aboriginal Playgroup, Dunwich, Stradbroke Island	YES
		Koolyangarra Child Care Centre, Fairfield Gardens	YES
		Kummara Association, West End	YES
		Minjerribah Moorgumpin Elders-in-Council, Dunwich, Stradbroke Island	NO
		Murri & Torres Strait Islander Network Inc, Woodridge/Logan	NO
		Playgroup Association of Queensland	YES
		QLD Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy	NO
		QLD Department of Education, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education	NO
		QLD Department of Families	NO
		The Aboriginal & Islander Community Health Service, Woolloongabba	NO
		Wandarrah Neighbourhood Centre, Inala	NO
		Wandarrah Preschool Community Centre Association, Inala	NO
		Yelang Pre-School Association, Indooroopilly	YES
		Yulu Barri-Ba Medical Centre, Dunwich, Stradbroke Island	YES
Darwin (mixed)	19-May-03	Aboriginal & Islander Alcohol Awareness and Family Recovery Incorporated	YES
		Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), Policy Unit	NO
		Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory	NO
		ACROD – National Industry Assoc for Disability Services	NO
		Australian Early Childhood Association (NT Branch) Inc	NO
		Australian Hearing (NT)	NO
		Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, Batchelor	YES
		Carpenteria Disability Services	YES
		Charles Darwin University, Faculty of Education, Health & Science	YES
		Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Tropical Health (Menzies School of Health Research)	YES
		Danila Dilba Medical Service	YES
		Darwin City Council, Community Services	YES
		Karu Aboriginal Child Care Agency	YES
		Menzies School of Health Research	NO
		Multicultural Council of the NT, Children's Services	NO
		Northern Territory Council Of Social Service (NTCOSS)	NO
		NT Department of Health and Community Services	YES
		NT Department of Employment, Education and Training, Early Childhood Team	YES
		NT Department of Employment, Education and Training, School Services Division	YES
		NT Department of Health and Community Services, Child Health, Primary Health and Coordinated Care	YES
		NT Department of Health and Community Services, Family & Children's Services Policy	YES
		NT Department of Health and Community Services, Social and Emotional Wellness (SOEWELL) Branch	NO

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		NT Department of Justice, Policy and Community Liaison, Office of Crime Prevention	YES
		NT Department of the Chief Minister, Social Policy Unit	YES
		NT Gowrie	YES
		Palmerston City Council	NO
		Playgroups Association of the NT	YES
		Royal Darwin Hospital, Community Paediatrician	YES
		Royal Darwin Hospital, Paediatrics	YES
		The Fred Hollows Foundation	YES
		Tiwi Health Board- Tiwi for Life Program (Tiwi Islands)	NO
		Tiwi Islands Community Government Council, Bathurst Island	NO
Sydney	20-May-03	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Sector Advisory Group	YES
		Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission	YES
		Aboriginal Education Program, University of NSW	NO
		Aboriginal Statewide Foster Care Support Service	NO
		Department of Health and Ageing, Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	YES
		Gerangah Wandarrah Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services	YES
		KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated	YES
		Marungbai, Taree	YES
		Miimali Mates, Emerton	NO
		Murrawina Mt Druitt Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services	YES
		NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc	NO
		NSW Department of Community Services	NO
		Oorangah Wandarrah MACS, Campbelltown	NO
Alice Springs (mixed)	23-May-03	Alice Springs Hospital, Alice Springs Remote Health	NO
		Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, Batchelor	YES
		Central Australian Stolen Generation	YES
		Children's Services Support Program (Cent Aust) Inc	NO
		Disability Advocacy Service	YES
		Good Beginnings (also NT Crime Prevention Committee – Central Australia Region)	NO
		Holy Oake Vacation Program	NO
		Ikuntji Community Child Care Centre (Haasts Bluff - remote area)	YES
		Ikuntji Community Youth Program (Haasts Bluff - remote area)	YES
		Kurdu Kurdu Kurlangu Walpiri Child Care Centre (Yuendumu Community Council - remote area)	NO
		Mount Liebig Long Day Care (LDC) (remote area)	YES
		Multicultural Community Services of Central Australia	YES
		NT Crime Prevention Committee – Central Australia Region, Secretariat	YES

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NT Department of Family and Children's Services	YES
NT Department of Health and Community Services, Children's Services	YES
NT Police, NT Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Services (also NT Crime Prevention Committee – Central Australia Region)	YES
Our Lady of Sacred Heart College, Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Program	YES
Tangentyere Council Inc (Outside School Hours Care)	YES
Tangentyere Council Inc (Outside School Hours Care), Families in Crisis	NO
Tapatjatjaka Community Govt Innovative Long Day Care (Titjikala - remote area)	YES
Titjikala Community, Child Care Worker	YES
Waltja Tjauangku Palyapayi, Aboriginal Child Rearing Strategy, (Kintore and Mt Liebig - remote areas)	YES
Waltja Tjutangku Palyapayi	YES

Dubbo	26-May-03	Allira Multi Purpose Childcare Service, Dubbo	NO
		Brewarrina Resource Van, Mobile Children's Service	YES
		Centacare, Bourke	YES
		Centrelink, Dubbo Regional Office	YES
		Connect Five	YES
		Cornerstone Christian Independent Community School	YES
		Delroy High School, West Dubbo	YES
		Dubbo Christian School, Aboriginal Education	NO
		Dubbo Women's Housing Project	YES
		Families First, NSW Cabinet Office	YES
		Family Support Service, Bourke	NO
		Goolbri Mens Group, Bourke	YES
		Gordon Centre	YES
		Macquarie Area Health Service, Aboriginal Health	YES
		Mid West Area Health Service, Aboriginal Health, Bathurst,	NO
		Mobile Children's Services	YES
		NSW Department Of Community Services, Bourke	YES
		NSW Department of Education, Aboriginal Education for the Western Region	NO
		Project Enrichment of Childhood, Preschool, Bourke	YES
		Reconnect, Dubbo	YES
		Uniting Care Burnside, Orana Region District Office	YES
		Yoorana Gunya Family Violence Centre, Forbes	YES

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Question No: 47

Topic: Youth and Student Assistance – Restructured Reviews.

Hansard Page: CA 308

Senator Bishop asked: Of those 16,800 and 33,900 you did between October 2001 and the current time, how many resulted in downward reviews?

Answer:

System changes mean reliable management information on the number of downward variations is not currently available.

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Question No: 48

Topic: JPET Review

Hansard Page: CA 373

Senator Faulkner asked:

How many media outlets were contacted by Brian Quinlan and which media outlets were they?

Answer:

Mr Quinlan recalls speaking to journalists from the following media outlets:

- AAP
- ABC Radio
- The Daily Telegraph
- The Adelaide Advertiser
- The Herald Sun

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Question No: 49

Topic: Student Financial Supplement Scheme

Hansard Page: CA378

Senator Bishop asked: Please provide figures on take-up numbers by payment type and amount lent by year since the inception of the scheme.

Answer:

The table below provides the number of loan acceptances since the Scheme's inception in 1993 and the total loan acceptance amount across all payment types.

Year	AUSTUDY	Austudy Payment	YA	PES	ABSTUDY	ABSTUDY PES	Total acceptance amount
1993	41,507	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,865	N/A	\$132,188,034
1994	51,861	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,849	N/A	\$230,069,133
1995	53,291	N/A	N/A	N/A	6,461	N/A	\$284,537,961
1996	56,474	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,142	N/A	\$314,425,957
1997	53,252	N/A	N/A	N/A	7,353	N/A	\$293,583,431
1998	14,376	15,989	21,651	N/A	8,586	N/A	\$292,068,551
1999	N/A	15,231	25,455	9,909	9,529	N/A	\$290,678,618
2000	N/A	13,161	23,030	10,238	6,243	2,765	\$261,211,152
2001	N/A	10,713	17,216	7,557	4,898	1,963	\$206,297,705
2002	N/A	9,074	15,300	9,057	4,546	1,852	\$184,607,708

Notes

1. N/A – Not applicable.
2. The Department of Family and Community Services administers Austudy Payment, Youth Allowance (YA) and Pensioner Education Supplement (PES).
3. The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) administers ABSTUDY and ABSTUDY PES and administered AUSTUDY until 1998.
4. AUSTUDY was replaced with Austudy Payment in 1998.
5. Youth Allowance was introduced in July 1998.

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Question No: 50

Topic: Student Financial Supplement Scheme

Hansard Page: CA379

Senator Bishop asked: How much existing debt is there?

Answer:

At 31 May 2003 the receivable balances for the Student Financial Supplement Scheme loans for the FaCS portfolio are:

Total loans of \$1,002,340, 858 are with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) awaiting collection through the taxation system; and

Loans totaling \$1,019,931,778 are with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, representing loans that have not reached the end of their 5-year contract period.

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Question No: 51

Topic: Student Financial Supplement Scheme

Hansard Page: CA379

Senator Bishop asked: Please provide details of the arrangements with the Commonwealth Bank, including costs associated with the administration of the scheme.

Answer:

In 1993, the Commonwealth, represented by the Department of Education, Employment and Training (DEET) entered into a contract with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) for the provision of services for the Student Financial Supplement Scheme (the Scheme).

In 1998, under the administrative arrangements orders AUSTUDY and the Scheme were transferred to then Department of Social Security, now the Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS). Currently eligible Austudy, Youth Allowance and Pensioner Education Supplement recipients may participate in the Scheme.

DEET retained responsibility for the administration of ABSTUDY, including ABSTUDY loans, and the Department of Education, Science and Training also has a contract with the CBA.

Centrelink advises students whether they are eligible for a loan. If a student takes up the voluntary offer of a loan they apply to the CBA and enter into a contract for the payment of the supplement.

On 1 June in the fifth year after the Supplement loan has been paid the outstanding balance of the loan is bought back by the Commonwealth and the loan is transferred to the Australian Taxation Office for collection through the taxation system. Compulsory repayment begins once a person's income in a tax year reaches a minimum threshold, for the 2002-2003 income year this is \$34 494.

The cost to FaCS of administering the Scheme in the 2002-2003 year was \$300 000.

For the 2002 – 2003 year Centrelink costs for administering the Scheme was \$2.5 million and the ATO costs for administering the Scheme was \$3.4 million.

A decline in administration costs is expected from 1 January 2004 once the Scheme is closed to new loans.

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Question No: 52

Topic: Student Financial Supplement Scheme

Hansard Page: CA380

Senator Bishop asked:

(a) Please provide percentages of payment types for those we would have expected to take it up.

(b) What is the average amount of loan per person each year since inception, and what would have been projected over the forward estimates period?

Answer:

52 (a) The overall take-up rate of the Student Financial Supplement Scheme (the Scheme) has decreased by 28 per cent over the past three years.

It is not expected that the proportion of total loans taken up by payment type would change substantially if the Scheme continued. The table below shows the average proportion of loans accepted by payment type for the FaCS portfolio for the years 1999 - 2002.

Austudy	YA	PES
29%	49%	23%

52 (b) The following table provides the average loan amount based on all loans issued under the Scheme and projection for the years 2003 - 2006.

Loan Year	Average loan amount
1993	\$2,890.23
1994	\$3,535.45
1995	\$4,181.56
1996	\$4,424.13
1997	\$4,423.38
1998	\$4,425.74
1999	\$4,267.82
2000	\$4,162.45
2001	\$4,212.13
2002	\$3,973.59
Projection (see note 3)	
2003	\$3,860.55
2004	\$3,747.52
2005	\$3,634.48
2006	\$3,521.44

Notes

1. Data for loan years 1993-5 is sourced from the funds transferred to the Commonwealth Bank at their respective End of Contract Buyback and does not include: Early Buybacks, or repayments which may have occurred during their contract period.
2. Data for Loan years 1996-2002 is sourced from Centrelink Automated Systems Reports.
3. The projection is based on the average change in loan acceptance amount from 1999 – 2002 inclusive. As loans are issued on a calendar year basis the average loan amount for 2003 is not available. The projection does not take into account of the effect of reducing rates of allowance available for trade-in due to changes in earnings or changes in the rates of payments.

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Question No: 53

Topic: Commonwealth Scholarships and Youth Allowance

Hansard Page: CA380

Senator Bishop asked:

Do the Commonwealth education costs scholarships and the Commonwealth accommodation scholarships count as income for recipients in determining the rate of youth allowances?

Answer:

Yes.

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Question No: 161

Topic: Youth Allowance Full-time students

Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

- 1) What is the latest available number of Youth Allowance (Full-time students) aged:
 - i) 21-22
 - ii) 22-23
 - iii) 23-24
 - iv) 24-25
 - v) over 25
- 2)
 - i) For each of the above age categories above how many are determined to be independent and are not subject to the parental means test?
 - ii) How many are determined as dependents and subject to the parental means test?
- 3) For each age category above how many of those who are subject to a parental means test received a reduced rate of Youth Allowance because of their parent's means?
- 4) For each age category above, and those who receive a reduced rate of youth allowance because of their parents means what is their average fortnightly payment rate?
- 5) For each age category above, and those who are determined to be independent what is their average fortnightly payment rate?
- 6) For each age category above what was the average duration of fortnightly Youth Allowance (student) receipt during the period 1 July 2001 - 30 June 2002?
- 7) How many Youth Allowance (students) have been determined as independent in each year since the introduction of Youth Allowance?
- 8)
 - (i) What is the average annual parental means of Youth Allowance (students) who are determined as dependents?
 - (ii) What is the average annual parental means of Youth Allowance (students) who are determined as dependents and receive a reduced rate due to their parent's means?

Answer:

The responses below concern customers aged:

- i) 21
- ii) 22
- iii) 23
- iv) 24
- v) 25 or more

as at 13 June 2003.

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- 1):
- i) 31,256
 - ii) 21,796
 - iii) 13,850
 - iv) 9,284
 - v) 7,658
- 2) i)
- i) 20,420
 - ii) 16,402
 - iii) 11,290
 - iv) 8,032
 - v) 7,658
- ii)
- i) 10,836
 - ii) 5,394
 - iii) 2,560
 - iv) 1,252
 - v) 0
- 3)
- i) 2,380
 - ii) 1,042
 - iii) 437
 - iv) 206
 - v) 0
- 4)
- i) \$183.26
 - ii) \$187.50
 - iii) \$194.87
 - iv) \$195.56
 - v) Not applicable
- 5)
- i) \$276.85
 - ii) \$282.64
 - iii) \$290.98
 - iv) \$299.57
 - v) \$306.93

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6) The average duration of YA receipt for customers in any of the above age groups at any point of time in a year is over 1 year. The average YA duration for those who were current as at 13 June 2003 was:

- i) 100 weeks
- ii) 91 weeks
- iii) 83 weeks
- iv) 74 weeks
- v) 109 weeks

7) The following table shows the breakdown of YA (full-time students) aged 21 and over who are independent from 1999 to 2002. All figures are as at 30 June.

Year	Independent
1999	40,103
2000	47,125
2001	53,999
2002	60,525

8) In general, parental means details are not available if the person has been continuously exempt from the parental means since the commencement of the latest YA annual parental means data collection. As such, the average amounts shown below for the overall dependent YA (FTS) population of any age (PMT reduced or not) were calculated only in respect of those with known current parental means.

(i) \$32,150

(ii) \$36,342

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Question No: 162

Topic: Youth Allowance non Full-time Students

Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

- 1) What is the latest available number of Youth Allowance recipients (non Full-time Student) aged:
 - i) 18-19
 - ii) 19-20
 - iii) 20-21

- 2) (i) For each of the above age categories above how many are determined to be independent and are not subject to the parental means test?
(ii) How many are determined as dependents and subject to the parental means test?

- 3) For each age category above how many of those who are subject to a parental means test received a reduced rate of Youth Allowance because of their parent's means?

- 4) For each age category above, and those who receive a reduced rate of youth allowance because of their parents means what is their average fortnightly payment rate?

- 5) For each age category above, and those who are determined to be independent what is their average fortnightly payment rate?

- 6) For each age category above what was the average duration of fortnightly Youth Allowance (non-full time student) receipt during the period 1 July 2001 - 30 June 2002?

- 7) How many Youth Allowance recipients (non- full time student) have been determined as independent in each year since the introduction of Youth Allowance?

- 8) (i) What is the average annual parental means of Youth Allowance recipients (non-full time student) who are determined as dependents?
(ii) What is the average annual parental means of Youth Allowance recipients (non full-time student) who are determined as dependents and receive a reduced rate due to their parent's means?

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Answer:

The responses below concern customers aged:

- vi) 18
- vii) 19
- viii) 20

as at 13 June 2003

1):

- i) 22,555
- ii) 23,091
- iii) 22,534

2) (i)

- i) 9,295
- ii) 12,353
- iii) 14,831

(ii)

- i) 13,260
- ii) 10,738
- iii) 7,703

3)

- i) 1,648
- ii) 1,266
- iii) 803

4)

- i) \$142.27
- ii) \$145.09
- iii) \$154.11

5)

- i) \$296.65
- ii) \$292.76
- iii) \$291.66

6) The average duration of YA receipt for customers in any of the above age groups at any point of time in a year is over 1 year. The average YA duration for those who were current as at 13 June 2003 was:

- i) 66 weeks
- ii) 73 weeks
- iii) 75 weeks

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7) The following table shows the number of YA(non-full-time students) aged 18 to 20 who are independent from 1999 to 2002. All figures are as at 30 June.

Year	Independent
1999	41,101
2000	41,014
2001	43,069
2002	39,406

8) In general, parental means details are not available if the person has been continuously exempt from the parental means test since commencement of the latest YA annual parental means data collection. As such, the average amounts shown below for the overall dependent YA (non-FTS) population of any age (PMT reduced or not) were calculated only in respect of those with known current parental means.

(i) \$31,255

(ii) \$34,952

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Question No: 54

Topic: Numbers of cases in Debt Management Services

Hansard Page: CA 382

Senator Moore asked: Debt Management Services Stream – How many cases are currently being handled at this level across the country by state?

Answer:

The Child Support Agency has five geographic administrative regions. The Debt Management Services caseload in these regions at 19 June 2003 is:

ACT/NSW:	13,157
QLD:	6,540
VIC/TAS:	4,657
SA/NT:	2,589
WA:	2,083
Total:	29,026

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Question No: 55

Topic: Amounts recovered in Debt Management Services since 1998

Hansard Page: CA 383

Senator Moore asked: What is the total amount recovered by these teams in each year since the implementation of the stream segmentation in 1998 until now?

Answer:

The core business of the Child Support Agency is to collect child support, and this is done across the whole of the Agency. Specialised debt collection activities are undertaken in Debt Management Services, who will manage a client until a satisfactory outcome is obtained. At that time, management of that client is returned to mainstream business activity. As such, it is not possible to capture the total amount recovered by those teams. The Child Support Agency is planning to improve the reporting framework to capture this type of data in the future.

As an indication, the total amount collected by CSA and the approximate amount collected per CSA Client Service Officer was:

Year	Total CSA collections	Approx. amount per operative
1997 – 1998	\$526 million	\$236,000
1998 – 1999	\$571 million	\$253,000
1999 – 2000	\$596 million	\$246,000
2000 – 2001	\$619 million	\$258,000
2001 – 2002	\$636 million	\$265,000

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Question No: 55A

Topic: Staffing Levels in CSA

Hansard Page: CA 335

Senator Moore asked: Could you provide figures on staffing levels each year for the CSA from 1995 through to the current budget, and your expected staffing levels for the next three years.

Answer:

Approximate staffing numbers are provided due to differences in reporting guidelines over the period eg in some years average numbers were reported and in other years it was at the end of the year.

Year	Approx. No.
1995 - 1996	2250
1996 - 1997	2280
1997 - 1998	2430
1998 - 1999	2460
1999 - 2000	2620
2000 - 2001	2600
2001 - 2002	2600

The projected staffing levels for the next three years are average estimated Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff numbers for the year.

Year	Average FTE
2002 - 2003	2700
2003 - 2004	2800
2004 - 2005	2850
2005 - 2006	2900

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Question No: 56

Topic: Child Care Benefit expenditure

Hansard Page: CA#391

Senator Moore asked:

- (a) Please provide the details of child-care benefit expenditure under each of the percentage levels set by the government, and how many families and children are assisted at each of these levels.
- (b) With regard to the expenditure rates, you have given us the percentages so under each of the headings we now want the expenditure.
- (c) Please provide the flat numbers of families and children who are receiving payment, under each of those headings.
- (d) Can you also advise the proportion of childcare benefit that goes to each of the different types of care—family day care, long day care, outside school aged care?

Answer:

- (a) The number and percentage of families and children, under each CCB rate, for the 2001-2002 financial year is as follows:

Rate	Customers		Children	
	No.	%	No.	%
Max	246,099	38.4	359,035	38.3
Min	80,744	12.6	117,671	12.5
Partial	305,437	47.7	452,133	48.2
Total ⁽¹⁾	640,184	100.0	938,049	100.0

(1) Includes expenditure where a customer's rate type could not be determined. Excludes CCB received as a lump sum payment. Note: The information in this table is based on pre-reconciliation amounts paid to families during the financial year. These figures do not take into account Centrelink CCB advance/acquittals to services.

Note: Weighted data.

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 01-11-02.

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(b) The amount and percentage of child care benefit expenditure under each CCB rate for the 2001-2002 financial year is as follows:

Rate	CCB (\$)	%
Max	665,340,335	52.4
Min	47,279,750	3.7
Partial	553,190,934	43.6
Total ⁽¹⁾	1,269,119,717	100.0

(1) Includes expenditure where a customer's rate type could not be determined. Excludes CCB received as a lump sum payment. Note: The information in this table is based on pre-reconciliation amounts paid to families during the financial year. These figures do not take into account Centrelink CCB advance/acquittal processes to services.

Note: Weighted data.

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 01-11-02.

(c) This question is answered in Part A.

(d) The amount and percentage of child care benefit for each of the different types of care for the 2001-2002 financial year is as follows:

Service type	Percentage	CCB (\$)
ASC	4.1	52,116,747
BSC	0.8	10,049,416
FDC	18.6	235,756,647
LDC	72.8	923,938,506
OCC	0.5	5,961,836
VAC	3.3	41,296,565
TOTAL	100.0	1,269,119,717

Note: Excludes CCB received as a lump sum payment and CCB paid for informal care.

Note: The information in this table is based on pre-reconciliation amounts paid to families during the financial year. These figures do not take into account Centrelink CCB advance/acquittal processes to services.

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care, LDC: Long day care, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

In-home-care expenditure is included in the Family Day Care amount.

Note: Weighted data.

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 01-11-02.

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Question No: 57

Topic: Child Care Benefit for families using Family Day Care and Long Day Care

Hansard Page: CA#391

Senator Moore asked:

Can you advise of the level of child-care benefit entitlements to parents and children using FDC and LDC—family day care and long day care? That is, do lower income groups or higher income groups dominate in particular service types?

Answer:

The following table shows the numbers and proportion of families at each of the levels (rate types) of Child Care Benefit for Family Day Care and Long Day Care for the 2001-2002 financial year.

Service Type	Rate Type										Total No.
	Maximum		Minimum		Broken		Lump sum		Undetermined		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Family day care	38,103	33.4	11,769	10.3	59,576	52.3	4,138	3.6	337	0.3	113,923
Long day care	154,746	35.0	55,851	12.6	214,268	48.5	14,838	3.4	2,487	0.6	442,190

Note: Family day care numbers include in-home-care.

Note: Weighted data.

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 01-11-02.

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Question No: 58

Topic: Child Care Benefit expenditure for children under 2 years old

Hansard Page: CA#392

Senator Moore asked:

How much of the child-care benefit goes to children between birth and the age of two.

Answer:

The amount of child care benefit expenditure under each CCB rate for children between birth and the age of two for the 2001-2002 financial year is as follows:

Rate	CCB (\$)
Maximum	92,478,743
Minimum	12,486,985
Partial	111,219,248
Total ⁽¹⁾	216,526,181

(1) Includes CCB where a customer's rate type could not be determined. Excludes CCB received as a lump sum payment.
Note: The information in this table is based on pre-reconciliation amounts paid to families during the financial year. These figures do not take into account Centrelink CCB advance/acquittals to services.

Note: Information is based on CCB paid to families during a quarter for children who were under 2 years of age at any time during the quarter.

Note: Weighted data.

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 01-11-02.

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Question No: 60

Topic: Website usage

Hansard Page: CA 396

Senator Moore asked:

Is there any data kept about people's access to documents kept on the website, whether there is a preferred option for people to get them in printed form, or to ring and get the information, or whether people are genuinely accessing kind of data on the web site?

Answer:

1. Data is maintained on general access to all content on FaCS Internet sites.
2. The only information available on people's preferred method of accessing information would be from market research, but there is no specific information from such research to date.
3. From the data available, it is possible to identify what pages people have visited and what documents they have downloaded.

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Question No: 61

Topic: Child care services – various requests for information

Hansard Page: CA#397

Senator Moore asked:

Can you provide the most recently available data and information in the following areas, broken down by state and territory for all Commonwealth funded child-care related activities?

- (a) numbers of approved and registered services by service type;
- (b) breakdown by service type by ownership community based private multi-owned private, as we said earlier;
- (c) places allocated by service type;
- (d) utilisation rates by service type;
- (e) children assisted by service type;
- (f) families assisted by service type
- (g) number of staff and carers by service type;
- (h) number of openings and closures by services;
- (i) number of openings and closures by service type by electorate and/or by state;
- (j) number of places and services run by corporate child-care providers there are listed on the Stock Exchange.
- (k) what amount of the child care budget is paid to corporate child care providers that are listed on the Stock Exchange?

Answer:

a) Approved and registered services by service type and State/Territory, June 2001

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
ASC ¹	613	666	476	241	127	54	48	73	2,298
BSC ¹	463	407	293	196	59	17	8	35	1,478
FDC	116	87	114	25	30	15	12	9	408
LDC	1,661	813	895	190	336	53	45	80	4,073
MAC ²	12	7	3	5	5	1	4	0	37
MULTI ²	1	2	3	2	3	0	3	0	14
OCC	46	25	16	3	12	4	1	4	111
VAC	495	296	413	167	124	47	51	38	1,631
TOTAL ³	3,407	2,303	2,213	829	696	191	172	239	10,050
RCP ⁴	5,385	4,564	4,339	1,214	1,202	412	231	608	17,988

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care, LDC: Long day care, MAC: Multifunctional aboriginal children's service, Multi: Multifunctional children's service, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care, RCP: Registered care provider.

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(1) Adding ASC and BSC services will under -count OSHC services due to the current Centrelink process of combining co-located and co-managed ASC and BSC services into single administrative ASC services. The combining of services also affects the overall total of services.

(2) MAC and Multi figures are estimates from December 2000.

(3) Includes approved services only as registered care providers are not counted as approved child care services.

(4) There were 33 registered care providers whose home State/Territory could not be determined.

b) Breakdown by service type by ownership (i.e. community based, private, multi-owned private) as at April 2003.

Service type	No. of owners
CLD	908
PLD (1 or 2 services)	2132
Mult-PLD (3 or more)	74

Source: Centrelink Administrative Data, April 2003

Note: CLD: Community Based Long Day Care (not for profit); PLD: Private Long Day Care (for profit)

Note: Multi-PLD is defined as a sponsor recorded as owning 3 or more services on COS.

c) Places allocated by service type and State/Territory, June 2001

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
ASC	26,653	28,681	25,110	10,286	6,640	1,972	1,837	3,473	104,652
BSC	14,571	13,750	9,797	4,850	2,073	340	153	1,539	47,073
FDC	22,351	16,747	12,547	5,323	4,772	3,247	904	4,949	70,840
LDC	64,271	42,156	55,297	9,904	13,896	2,355	1,909	4,021	193,809
MAC ¹	460	170	120	125	151	27	115	0	1,168
MULTI ¹	55	100	134	74	126	0	136	0	625
OCC	1,186	722	516	83	376	79	10	102	3,074
VAC	20,739	15,001	22,965	8,031	6,636	1,952	1,750	1,712	78,786
TOTAL	150,286	117,327	126,486	38,676	34,670	9,972	6,814	15,796	500,027
RCP ²	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care, LDC: Long day care, MAC: Multifunctional aboriginal children's service, Multi: Multifunctional children's service, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

(1) MAC and Multi figures are estimates from December 2000.

(2) Approved places are not allocated to registered care providers.

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(d) Utilisation rate by service type (%) and State/Territory

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
LDC	90.1	84.2	88.4	82.2	89.6	77.9	79.3	85.3	87.8
FDC	72.0	77.5	87.5	87.0	71.9	75.4	59.9	47.5	77.8

LDC : Long Day Care: FDC: Family Day care

Source: Census of Child Care Services 2002

Note: Utilisation is only available for LDC and FDC services.

(e) Children using approved care services by service type and State/Territory during the September 2002 quarter

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST (2)
ASC	38,683	43,980	42,695	22,918	7,410	3,482	1,919	4,686	165,601
BSC	14,176	14,124	8,851	6,987	1,680	166	79	901	46,895
FDC	39,934	30,264	25,081	13,061	9,029	6,426	1,083	2,512	126,657
LDC	135,765	82,501	122,799	25,944	38,124	7,258	3,125	6,472	422,553
OCC	4,931	3,800	1,977	353	1,551	348	6	334	13,227
VAC	33,466	27,690	33,745	17,949	10,495	3,166	2,001	2,245	130,780
TOTAL (1)	226,306	174,361	196,629	64,154	59,443	18,072	6,725	14,390	759,063

(1) Total count does not represent an aggregation of service type data as children may have used more than one type of service during the quarter.

(2) Australian total does not represent an aggregation of State and Territory data as children may have used services in more than one State/Territory during the quarter.

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care (including in-home-care), LDC: Long day care, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

Note: Weighted data.

Source : Centrelink administrative data as at 03-01-03

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(f) Families using approved care services by service type and State/Territory during the September 2002 quarter.

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST (2)
ASC	28,534	31,069	28,994	15,525	5,247	2,446	1,360	3,497	116,587
BSC	10,794	10,321	6,367	4,919	1,209	120	51	691	34,426
FDC	28,392	19,583	16,714	7,717	6,250	4,229	801	1,685	84,885
LDC	114,052	66,165	91,641	20,774	29,520	5,848	2,535	5,351	336,099
OCC	4,053	2,990	1,627	286	1,247	291	6	262	10,711
VAC	23,162	18,598	22,195	11,593	7,075	2,140	1,363	1,627	87,743
TOTAL (1)	169,164	120,710	133,590	41,995	42,725	12,321	4,643	10,146	534,370

(1) Total count does not represent an aggregation of service type data as families may have used more than one type of service during the quarter.

(2) Australian total does not represent an aggregation of State and Territory data as some families used services in more than one State/Territory during the quarter.

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care (including in-home-care), LDC: Long day care, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

Note: Weighted data.

Source : Centrelink administrative data as at 03-01-03

(g) Staff and carers by service type and State/Territory

Staffing for service	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
LDC	14020	9400	9443	2661	3107	733	400	1023	40787
FDC-STAFF	601	309	385	146	117	62	22	51	1693
FDC-CARERS	3848	2959	2795	1163	781	440	143	396	12525
IHC-STAFF	9	38	41	7	15	10	0	6	126
IHC-CARERS	77	53	131	7	26	80	0	15	389
OSHC	2822	2775	2327	1119	480	223	134	577	10457
VAC	2767	2000	2488	1296	741	262	168	228	9950
OCC	377	225	162	27	88	43	0	17	939
MULTI	12	36	29	31	21	0	14	0	143
MAC	158	58	24	39	61	14	19	0	373
MOB	29	28	20	11	28	0	10	0	126
APG	22	7	82	28	29	0	17	0	185
TOTAL	24742	17888	17927	6535	5494	1867	927	2313	77693

LDC: Long Day Care, FDC: Family Day Care, IHC: In Home Care , OSHC: Outside School Hours Care, VAC: Vacation care, OCC: Occasional care Multi: Multifunctional children's service, , MAC: Multifunctional aboriginal children's service, MOB: Mobile toy libraries, APG: Aboriginal Play Groups

Source: 2002 Census of Child Care (unweighted)

Note: Child Care Census staff and carer data cannot be reliably split into BSC and ASC.

Note: FDC and IHC staff counts administrative staff. FDC and IHC carers count actual carers only.

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h) The answer to this question is provided in the response to question 62.

i) The answer to this question is provided in the response to question 62.

(j) Number of places and services run by corporate child-care providers that are listed on the Stock Exchange.

The number of approved places in services run by corporate child-care providers listed on the stock exchange in April 2003 was 17,429. The number of services was 245. This information is based on recorded sponsorship information from the Child Care Operator System.

(k) What amount of the child care budget is paid to corporate child care providers that are listed on the Stock Exchange?

For corporate child care providers that are listed on the stock exchange in April 2003 the total amount of CCB expenditure for the previous financial year (2001 – 2002) was \$ 31,349,000. This figure is based on the amount of Child Care Benefit claimed by families using services that are sponsored by these organisations during the financial year regardless of the date that the corporate child care service was listed on the stock exchange. Information on expenditure based on the date of stock exchange listing is not available.

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Output Group: 1.4

Question No: 62

Topic: Openings and closures of child care services

Hansard Page: CA#397

Senator Moore asked:

The opening and closures of all Commonwealth funded child care centres by service type by electorate or by state, is that something that is available by federal electorate?
 Can you break that down into local government area?

Answer:

The tables below show openings and closures of Commonwealth funded child care centres by service type, electorate and local government area for the period 1 July 2002 – 1 April 2003. Note that current openings and closures information does not take into account transfers of service ownership. When the ownership of a service is transferred Centrelink is required to close the service on the Child Care Operator system and to create a new service record to affect the transfer. This means that any transfer of ownership will be recorded as both an opening and a closure.

Additionally, Centrelink is combining co-located and co-managed After School Care and Before School Care services into single administrated outside school hours care services. This means that most Before School Care service closures will in fact be a result of this process and should not be regarded as closures. Therefore the information in the following table is not comparable with previous information provided on openings and closures.

Openings and closures by Commonwealth electoral division and service type (July 2002- April 2003).

Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Adelaide	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	1	0
Aston	1	1	1	6	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	1
Ballarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Banks	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	1
Barker	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Barton	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Bass	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Batman	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Bendigo	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bennelong	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0

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Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Berowra	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Blair	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Blaxland	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Bonython	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Boothby	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Bowman	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Braddon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bradfield	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0
Brand	2	1	0	0	0	0	10	8	0	0	0	0
Brisbane	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1
Bruce	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
Burke	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	1	1	0
Calare	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0
Calwell	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Canberra	3	4	1	1	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0
Canning	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Capricornia	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Casey	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0
Charlton	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1
Chifley	2	3	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	3
Chisholm	1	1	1	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	1	0
Cook	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	1	1
Corio	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Cowan	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	1	1
Cowper	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	5	0	0	0	1
Cunningham	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1
Curtin	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1
Dawson	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	3	0	0	0	0
Deakin	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	3	0
Denison	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dickson	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Dobell	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	1	0	0
Dunkley	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0

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Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Eden-Monaro	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0
Fadden	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1
Fairfax	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Farrer	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	1	1
Fisher	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	0
Flinders	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Forde	2	1	0	0	0	0	13	14	0	0	0	0
Forrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fowler	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Franklin	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fraser	3	2	0	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	1
Fremantle	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Gellibrand	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Gilmore	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	1
Gippsland	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Goldstein	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Grayndler	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Greenway	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Grey	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Griffith	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	1
Groom	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0
Gwydir	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Hasluck	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Herbert	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	0	1	1
Higgins	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hindmarsh	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Hinkler	0	1	0	2	0	0	9	11	0	0	0	1
Holt	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Hotham	1	1	1	6	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	1
Hughes	1	1	0	3	0	0	6	3	0	0	1	1
Hume	1	2	0	0	2	1	4	4	0	0	2	3
Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Indi	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0

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	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Isaacs	2	2	1	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	1
Jagajaga	0	0	0	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
Kalgoorlie	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0
Kennedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1
Kingsford Smith	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1
Kingston	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	2	1
Kooyong	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
La Trobe	1	0	1	2	0	0	8	7	0	0	1	1
Lalor	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0
Leichhardt	1	1	0	0	1	1	13	8	0	0	1	2
Lilley	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0
Lindsay	1	1	1	4	1	0	6	6	0	0	1	1
Lingiari	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Longman	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
Lowe	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	5	0	0	2	1
Lyne	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	1	0
Lyons	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Macarthur	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
Mackellar	3	3	0	1	0	0	5	4	0	0	1	1
Macquarie	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Makin	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Mallee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
Maranoa	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0
Maribyrnong	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
Mcewen	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memillan	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mcperson	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0
Melbourne	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Melbourne Ports	1	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Menzies	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
Mitchell	1	2	0	1	1	1	8	6	0	0	2	5
Moncrieff	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	14	0	0	0	0

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Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Moore	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	3	1
Moreton	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Murray	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	2	0
New England	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
North Sydney	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	1
O'Connor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oxley	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	1	0
Page	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	8	0	0	0	0
Parkes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Parramatta	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1
Paterson	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
Pearce	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Perth	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	5	0	0	1	0
Petrie	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0
Port Adelaide	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1
Prospect	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0
Rankin	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	1
Reid	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Richmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	0	0	0	0
Riverina	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	0	0
Robertson	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
Scullin	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
Shortland	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Solomon	2	2	1	1	0	0	9	7	0	0	4	3
Stirling	1	2	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Sturt	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
Swan	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	1
Sydney	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Tangney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Throsby	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Wakefield	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1

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Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Wannon	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Warringah	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Watson	2	2	0	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	2
Wentworth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
Werriwa	1	0	0	4	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Wide Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0
Wills	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care, LDC: Long day care, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

Openings and closures by Local Government Area (LGA) and service type (July 2002-April 2003).

Local Govt. Area	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Adelaide (C)	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Adelaide Hills (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Albury (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
Alice Springs (T)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ararat (RC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Armadale (C)	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Ashfield (A)	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	1
Atherton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Auburn (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ballarat (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Ballina (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Balonne (S)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bankstown (C)	2	2	0	1	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	1
Banyule (C)	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Barossa (DC)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bass Coast (S)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bassendean (T)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Baulkham Hills (A)	1	2	0	1	1	1	8	6	0	0	2	6

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	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Baw Baw (S)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayside (C)	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Bayswater (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
Beaudesert (S)	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Bellingen (A)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blacktown (C)	1	2	0	1	0	0	9	8	0	0	1	2
Bland (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Blue Mountains (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Boroondara (C)	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Botany Bay (C)	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Break O'Day (M)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Brimbank (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Brisbane (C)	3	3	2	2	0	0	24	23	0	0	2	3
Bundaberg (C)	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Burnett (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Burnside (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Burwood (A)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Byron (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Caboorture (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7	0	0	0	0
Cairns (C)	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	7	0	0	0	1
Calliope (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Caloundra (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Camden (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Campaspe (S)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Campbelltown (C)	0	0	0	3	1	0	8	11	0	0	0	0
Canning (C)	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1
Canterbury (C)	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	0	1	1
Cardinia (S)	1	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Casey (C)	1	0	2	2	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	0
Charles Sturt (C)	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Charters Towers (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Clarence (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cockburn (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Coffs Harbour (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Concord (A)	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Cook (S)	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Coolooloa (S)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cootamundra (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Copper Coast (DC)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corowa (A)	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Dandaragan (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dardanup (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Darebin (C)	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Darwin (C)	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	2
Delatite (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Deniliquin (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Douglas (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dubbo (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Eacham (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
East Gippsland (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Emerald (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Eurobodalla (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Fairfield (C)	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	1	0
Fitzroy (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Frankston (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Fremantle (C)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gannawarra (S)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gatton (S)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gawler (M)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gladstone (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0
Glen Eira (C)	1	1	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Glenorchy (C)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gold Coast (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	37	0	0	0	0
Goondiwindi (T)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gosford (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Gosnells (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0

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Goulburn (C)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Grafton (C)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Grant (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Great Lakes (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Greater Bendigo (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Greater Dandenong (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Greater Geelong (C)	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Greater Shepparton (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0
Greater Taree (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Griffith (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Gunnedah (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Harden (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Harvey (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hastings (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0
Hawkesbury (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hervey Bay (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Hobart (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hobsons Bay (C)	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Holroyd (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Hornsby (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Horsham (RC)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hume (C)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Hurstville (C)	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	1
Ipswich (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	1	1
Isis (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Johnstone (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Joondalup (C)	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	1
Kalamunda (S)	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Katherine (T)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kempsey (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kiama (A)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kingborough (M)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kingston (C)	3	2	2	4	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1

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Knox (C)	0	1	1	5	0	0	5	4	0	0	1	1
Kogarah (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Ku-ring-gai (A)	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
Kwinana (T)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Laidley (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lake Macquarie (C)	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Lane Cove (A)	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latrobe (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Latrobe (M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Launceston (C)	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Leeton (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Leichhardt (A)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Light (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lismore (C)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Litchfield (S)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Liverpool (C)	2	1	0	2	1	0	4	3	0	0	1	1
Livingstone (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Logan (C)	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	8	0	0	0	1
Loxton Waikerie (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Macedon Ranges (S)	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Mackay (C)	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
Maclean (A)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Maitland (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mallala (DC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mandurah (C)	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Manly (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Manningham (C)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Maribyrnong (C)	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Marion (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Maroochy (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0
Maroondah (C)	1	1	0	1	0	0	5	7	0	0	2	0
Marrickville (A)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Maryborough (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

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Melbourne (C)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Melton (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	0
Melville (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Mid Murray (DC)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mildura (RC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mirani (S)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitcham (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Monash (C)	2	2	1	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
Moonee Valley (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Moorabool (S)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Moreland (C)	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mornington Peninsula (S)	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
Mount Gambier (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Moyne (S)	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mulwree (A)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nambucca (A)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Narrabri (A)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Narrandera (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Nillumbik (S)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Noosa (S)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
North Sydney (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Norwood Payneham St Peters (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Onkaparinga (C)	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	2	1
Orange (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Palmerston (C)	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	1
Paroo (S)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parramatta (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
Penrith (C)	2	2	1	5	1	0	6	6	0	0	2	2
Perth (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Pine Rivers (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Pittwater (A)	1	1	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	1
Playford (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1

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Port Adelaide Enfield (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Port Lincoln (C)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Port Phillip (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Port Pirie City and Dists (M)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port Stephens (A)	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Prospect (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pyrenees (S)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randwick (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Redcliffe (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
Redland (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Richmond Valley (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Rockdale (C)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rockhampton (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rockingham (C)	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Roebourne (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0
Roma (T)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ryde (C)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Salisbury (C)	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Scone (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Shellharbour (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Shoalhaven (C)	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
South Gippsland (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
South Perth (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
South Sydney (C)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Southern Midlands (M)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stirling (C)	1	2	0	2	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0
Stonnington (C)	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strathfield (A)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subiaco (C)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutherland Shire (A)	1	1	0	2	0	0	9	6	0	0	1	1
Swan (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Swan Hill (RC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sydney (C)	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

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Local Govt. Area	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Tambo (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tamworth (C)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0
Tea Tree Gully (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Temora (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Thuringowa (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Toowoomba (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0
Townsville (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	1
Tumut (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tweed (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0
Unincorporated ACT	6	6	1	3	0	0	9	5	0	0	0	1
Unincorporated NT	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vincent (T)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wagga Wagga (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Wangaratta (RC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Wanneroo (C)	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	2	1
Warringah (A)	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Warwick (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Waverley (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
West Tamar (M)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Torrens (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Whitehorse (C)	2	0	0	1	1	1	4	6	0	0	4	1
Whitsunday (S)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Whittlesea (C)	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
Willoughby (C)	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1
Wingecarribee (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wodonga (RC)	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Wollondilly (A)	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1
Wollongong (C)	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	1
Woollahra (A)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Wyndham (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
Wyong (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	0	1	0	0
Yarra Ranges (S)	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	0

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	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed	Opened	Closed
Yarrowlumla (A)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Young (A)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care, LDC: Long day care, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

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Question No: 63

Topic: Registered Training organisations that operate Child Care Centres

Hansard Page: CA 397

Senator Moore asked:

How many of the child-care services are also registered training organisations across the country?

We are really wanting to see the organisations that actually have that clear registration as a training organisation and are operating as child-care centres.

Answer:

The department does not collect or have information of this nature.

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Question No: 65

Topic: Statement of Contentions from DEWR regarding wage case – child care.

Hansard Page: CA400

Senator Collins asked:

A whole of government submission – Please provide a copy if available of the statement of contentions from DEWR regarding wage case – child care.

Answer:

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Workplace Relations Act 1996
s.113 Application to vary Award
s.107 Reference to Full Bench

Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union
(C2002/2620)

VICTORIAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AWARD 2001
(ODN C1989/36277)
[Print J9778 [AW811556]]

COMMONWEALTH'S OUTLINE OF CONTENTIONS

12 MAY 2003

Introduction

1. The Commonwealth has intervened in this matter in the public interest to address a range of important principles relevant to the Commission's consideration of the application by the Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union (ASU).

Primacy of agreement-making

2. A Principal Object of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* (the Act) is that wages and conditions of employment should be determined as far as possible by agreement between employers and employees at the workplace or enterprise level, upon a foundation of minimum standards.

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3. In addition, the Commission's functions and powers in relation to making and varying awards must be performed and exercised in a way that encourages the making of agreements between employers and employees at the workplace or enterprise level.

4. The ASU has not provided evidence that improvements in wages and allowances for the child care workers subject to the Victorian Local Authorities Award 2001 (the Award) affected cannot be achieved through agreement-making.

5. Victorian local government child care centres are all covered by certified agreements to which the ASU is a party. The existence of these agreements indicates that the Award, as it stands, is not operating as an impediment to agreement-making. The Commission will need to guard against an outcome in this case that may disturb the established history of bargaining or act to discourage further agreement-making.

Issues for the sector

6. The Commonwealth agrees that child care workers should be appropriately remunerated and that it is not in the public interest if work in female-dominated occupations is undervalued. These are issues which the Commission will need to consider in this case. The ASU has the responsibility to clearly establish the grounds in support of this claim in this regard.

7. Available, affordable and quality child care enables families to participate in the workforce. The Commission will also need to have regard for the implications of its decision for the cost and availability of child care services in the areas affected by the Award. Awarding increased wage rates may result in increased costs for the provision of child care and higher fees for parents accessing care.

Properly constituted safety net

8. The Commission's Statement of Principles in relation to the role of arbitration and the safety net indicates that existing wages and conditions in awards constitute a safety net which protects employees who may be unable to reach an enterprise or workplace agreement.

9. The ASU asserts that the Award does not fulfil this role and that the relativities established by the Full Bench in *Re Child Care Industry (ACT) Award 1985 and Child Care Industry (NT) Award 1986* (Ludeke, Marsh & Laing; 14 September 1990; Print J4316) (the 1990 Child Care Workers case) were not properly determined.

10. The ASU's claim needs to be determined consistent with Principle 6 of the Commission's Statement of Principles. Principle 6(e) cautions against revisiting previous work value adjustments or structural efficiency exercises.

11. Previous decisions of the Commission under Principle 6 have established guidance and precedence in assessing the merits of claims for award variations under this Principle. The Commission's decisions have remained consistent with the decision of the Full Bench in *State Electricity Commission of Victoria v Federated Ironworkers Association of Australia*. (Coldham, Cohen & Griffin; 22 May 1987; Print G7498). This

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decision recognised that in all categories of work, change is evident as new methods of undertaking the work evolve over time and skills which qualify a person for a job become more fully tested. The decision also recognised that not all change is work value change such that it constitutes the requisite significant net addition to work requirements.

12. For the ASU's claim to be awarded, it would need to clearly demonstrate that there had been work value change to such a degree as to warrant the level of increase sought, and in all other respects be able to satisfy the Commission as to the requirements of Principle 6.

New allowances

13. The ASU also seeks the introduction of new allowances for the (1) handling of nauseous linen, (2) training of staff and (3) retention of staff.

14. Applications for new allowances require consideration within the parameters established in Principles 5 and 6 of the Commission's Statement of Principles. Under Principle 6, evidence would need to be provided of a significant net change in work since the 1990 Child Care Workers case in order to warrant the granting of new allowances.

15. In relation to the claim for allowances for handling of nauseous linen and training, allowances associated with the regular and consistent job requirements, or conditions affecting the work of a position, are generally absorbed into the classification and pay structures. Separate allowances are generally granted only for work of a sporadic or inconsistent nature. The claim for new allowances to compensate for matters that are part of the regular and consistent duties or conditions of child care workers would constitute 'double dipping' if they have already been taken into account in determining the classification and pay structure in the 1990 Child Care Workers case.

16. In relation to the proposed allowance for the retention of staff, claims of this nature should not be matters for the award safety net. The claim for a retention allowance is not based on work value change, but rather on changes in the labour market for child care workers. Changes of this nature are more appropriately addressed through agreement-making at the workplace or enterprise level.

Gender equity

17. The ASU assertion that child care work is undervalued because it is a female-dominated occupation is not supported by the material submitted.

18. Part VIA, Division 2 of the Act deals with equal remuneration for work of equal value. The definition of the term equal remuneration under the Act adopts the ILO Convention 100 definition: "*the term equal remuneration for men and women workers for work of equal value refers to rates of remuneration established without discrimination based on sex.*" Section 170BC of the Act allows the Commission to make an order to ensure that there will be equal remuneration for work of equal value.

19. The present claim is not an application under Division 2 of Part VIA as it relates to the separate issue of award rates as a minimum safety net.

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20. The ASU has applied under section 113 for an award variation on work value grounds and other grounds affecting the minimum safety net. In dealing with such an application the Commission must have regard to the objects of the Act including that part of the principal object concerning helping to prevent and eliminate discrimination on the basis of sex (section 3(j) and section 93). It must also have regard to the need to apply the principle of equal pay for work of equal value (section 88B(3)(d)).

21. The principle of equal pay for work of equal value means that comparisons are made on the basis of work value, and that they are made with care so as to avoid any potential sex discrimination. The issue in this regard is whether the ASU has shown that the existing rates are not properly fixed minimum rates of pay which satisfy the principle of equal pay for work of equal value.

22. The Minimum Rates Adjustment process introduced by the Commission in 1989 has provided a framework for establishing appropriate relativities between awards including having regard where relevant to equal pay for work of equal value. Indeed one of its objectives was to assist the process of achieving pay equity for women by ensuring that work is properly valued – the National Wage Case Decision of 12 August 1988 established the Structural Efficiency Principle, which included addressing any cases where award provisions discriminate against sections of the workforce (Print H4000).

23. The Commission held in the 1990 Child Care Workers case (cited at paragraph 9 above), that the process followed by the parties in comparing child care workers with metal tradespersons was an “acceptable means of carrying out the exercise required to set appropriate minimum classification rates and supplementary payments”.

24. A key aspect of the ASU’s claim involves a reassessment of the outcome of the 1990 Child Care Workers case. For the ASU to persuade the Commission to reopen issues determined in its 1990 decision it would have to show that exercise of the arbitral function did not establish rates which satisfy the principle of equal pay for work of equal value or was otherwise erroneously determined. It is not enough to point to some general notion of social or market undervaluation of child care workers.

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Question No: 66

Topic:

Hansard Page: CA 400

Senator Collins asked: Can we get a copy of the letter that the Family Day Care Association is sending out with the strong encouragement?

Answer:

See below:



An open letter from NFDCCA

MEETING DEMAND FOR FAMILY DAY CARE PLACES - NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Dear Family Day Care operators and coordinators ...

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I am writing to seek the support and cooperation of Family Day Care schemes with unutilised places to assist with the current crisis that is facing the Family Day Care program.

Whilst you may not be attached to such a scheme I am sure that you will also find this information of interest, as it relates to the entire program.

NFDCCA has been active in seeking to address the critical need for more Family Day Care places in some areas. The Council has worked with FaCS to investigate this issue and to develop strategies to resolve the immediate need and to position the program for growth in the future.

With no new Family Day Care places allocated in the last Commonwealth Budget and no likelihood in the Budget of 2003-04, the demand for Family Day Care must be met by existing but unutilised places. Until a reasonable reallocation of unutilised places there will be no growth for Family Day Care.

This presents a crisis for the program.

NFDCCA has this week communicated to the Prime Minister, advising him that

- ◆ Families across Australia are currently unable to access a place within the Family Day Care program
- ◆ NFDCCA has been working with FaCS to address this crisis
- ◆ NFDCCA is aware of the need to reallocate the places currently under-utilised in Family Day Care schemes

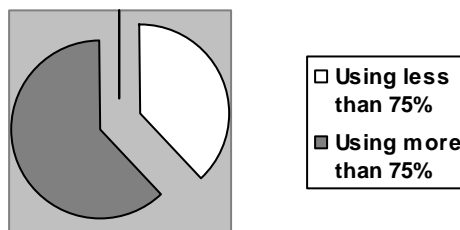
- ◆ Forward planning is needed to provide an adequate supply of Family Day Care places to follow up the required reallocation of places
- ◆ Support is sought for the predictable demand that will follow the completion of the reallocation exercise

Put quite simply the image and representation of the Family Day Care program is currently on the line.

There will be no new places for the program until the unutilised places are reallocated to schemes with a demand for places

Current demand nationally for Family Day Care places that could realistically be filled is estimated to be 2900 places. The 2002 Census showed that overall utilisation in Family Day Care is at 79.6% of total capacity and that this level of utilisation indicates that over 12,900 available places are not being used. The Census also showed that 131 schemes or 38% of all schemes were using less than 75%.

UTILISATION - LESS THAN 75%



Child Care Census 2002

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If these schemes all relinquished enough places to bring their utilisation to just 75% of their approved places, nearly 4750 places would be available to reallocate to schemes needing more places – many more than required to meet the immediate demand.

FaCS will shortly be writing to schemes that are still operating well below their capacity. NFDCCA encourages those schemes to relinquish at least enough places to bring utilisation levels to 75%.

- ◆ If schemes cooperated in this way there would be **NO** shortage of Family Day Care places anywhere in Australia.
- ◆ If schemes cooperated in this way the department would be able to respond very quickly to any schemes that were full and needed additional places.

Fundamental to this process is that only places that are not being used will be targeted for reallocation and that priority will be given to any scheme that relinquishes unused places and subsequently has a need for them - up to the number of places that were relinquished.

It is clearly not acceptable for some schemes to retain significant numbers of places that they are not using. Particularly when other schemes have an unmet demand for places with:

In considering your next steps, schemes with unutilised places should remember that:

- ◆ children unable to access quality Family Day Care
- ◆ parents unable to participate in the workforce/study
- ◆ families coping with the economic impact of not being able to access child care
- ◆ the Family Day Care program unable to plan or advocate for growth or development

1. There are sufficient places in total to meet demand
2. Meeting demand can only be achieved if schemes co-operate by allowing any unused places (up to the identified benchmark) to be reallocated to areas where they are needed
3. No scheme will lose any of its funding in this process
4. Relinquishing unused places is voluntary
5. It is in the best interest of the Family Day Care sector as a whole for schemes to focus on the common good

NFDCCA is calling on schemes to relinquish any places that are not being used (within the reasonable guidelines of up to 75%). The 25% buffer allows for places to be used for future demand and/or to supply places to Carers should recruitment be a contributing factor to under utilisation in the scheme.

The urgent co-operation of underutilised schemes is sought – only this will ensure that families around Australia needing Family Day Care will get it be able to do so and only this will enable growth for the

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program to be negotiated.

It is clear that the Government will not be providing more Family Day Care places while there are so many places not being used. The solution to the current unmet demand for Family Day Care places is in our own hands.

Whilst it is currently not compulsory to relinquish places, NFDCCA considers it vital for the Family Day Care sector as a whole to co-operate urgently in the reallocation exercise. Your assistance is sought in supporting schemes in real need at this time and in furthering the long-term interests of the Family Day Care program.

Yours sincerely

Bron Dekok

NFDCCA PRESIDENT

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ATTACHMENT

REALLOCATION EXAMPLES

Example 1

Scheme A has an approved allocation of 280 places, but according to their Operational Profile is only using 140 places.

It is therefore operating at 50% of capacity (140 divided by 280, multiplied by 100).

If Scheme A wants to operate at 70% of capacity it would have to reduce its number of approved places. The number of places it would need to have in order to operate at 70% can be calculated by dividing the number it is now using (140) by 70 and multiplying by 100. This gives a figure of 200 places, so Scheme A would need to relinquish 80 places (280 minus 80 equals 200). The scheme would have an Operational Profile of 140 places and an approved ceiling of 200 places.

If Scheme A wanted to operate at 75% of capacity it would need to have 187 places (140 divided by 75 multiplied by 100 – rounded up). Accordingly it would need to relinquish 93 places (280 minus 187 equals 93). The scheme would then have an Operational Profile of 140 places and an approved ceiling of 187 places.

Example 2

Scheme B has an allocation of 367 places and is using 257 places. This means it is operating at just over 70% of capacity (257 divided by 367, multiplied by 100 equals 70.027).

If Scheme B wanted to operate at 75% it would need to relinquish 24 places (257 divided by 75, multiplied by 100 equals 343 (rounded); 367 minus 343 equals 24).

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Question No: 64

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 398

Senator Collins asked:

Can we get the most recent data available from planning advisory committees or other sources and identifying where that came from – whether it was from the planning advisory or whatever – on

- (a) unmet demand for family day care by local government area;
- (b) places requested for family day care by local government area

Answer:

Unmet demand is measured by the number of places requested by services. Accordingly, unmet demand is the same as places requested. The data is collected at the planning area level used by Planning Advisory Committees. Planning areas are often, but not always at local government area level. The tables below show the number of family day care places requested in each state and territory by planning area as at June 2003.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Planning Area	Number of FDC places requested
Albury	2
Ballina	6
Bankstown	25
Baulkham Hills	8
Bingara	2
Bland	16
Blayney	5
Bombala	3
Byron	7
Cabonne	12
Campbelltown	13
Canterbury	7
Cobar	13
Coffs Harbour	7
Cooma-Monaro	1
Coonamble	6
Dubbo	9
Eurobodalla	20
Fairfield	11
Forbes	7
Gosford	31
Grafton	23
Great Lakes	8
Greater Lithgow	16

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Greater Taree	10
Gunnedah	10
Hornsby	35
Inverell	9
Kempsey	15
Kiama	15
Kyogle	1
Lismore	16
Liverpool	13
Maclean	9
Maitland	35
Mudgee	7
Narrabri	30
Narromine	6
Parkes	15
Port Stephens	15
Pristine Waters	3
Queanbeyan	10
Quirindi	1
Richmond Valley	5
Rylstone	5
Shellharbour	15
Shoalhaven	5
Snowy River	3
Temora	8
Tweed	26
Uralla	4
Wagga Wagga	24
Wakool	6
Warren	7
Wellington	3
Wollongong	6
Wyang	26
Yallaro	7
Total	663

VICTORIA

Planning Area	Number of FDC places requested
Cardinia	20
Casey	20
Macedon Ranges	10
Corangamite	20
Hepburn	10
Greater Dandenong	10
Bass Coast	10
Wangaratta	10

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Wyndham	10
Horsham	10
Total	130

QUEENSLAND

Planning Area	Number of FDC places requested
Albert	40
Aspley	13
Atherton	8
Bayside	100
Bowen	9
Bundaberg	28
Burdekin	18
Caboolture	120
Cairns	148
Central Highlands	11
Central West	5
City Core	13
Cook	7
Cooloola	4
Fraser	40
Gladstone	27
Hinchinbrook	8
Hinterland	63
Inner Brisbane South	7
Ipswich	91
Johnstone	8
Kedron	23
Kenmore	34
Logan	20
Mackay	20
Near South West	11
North Burnett	12
Outer Brisbane South A	39
Outer Brisbane South B	37
Red Hill	13
Redcliffe	34
Redland	46
Rockhampton	11
Sandgate	16
South East Darling Downs	4
South West Brisbane	20
Sunshine Coast	20
Toowoomba	27
Townsville	44
Whitsunday	2

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Total	1201
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Planning Area	Number of FDC places requested
Holdfast, Charles Sturt, Marion, Unley, Mitcham, West Torrens, Port Adelaide Enfield	39
Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Whyalla, Northern Areas, Peterborough, Mt Remarkable	39
Salisbury, Playford, Gawler, Barossa, Malalla	142
Mount Gambier, Naracoorte, Mid Murray, Murray Bridge, The Coorong	30
Onkaparinga, Alexandrina, Victor Harbour, Yankalilla, Kangaroo Island	66
Total	316

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Planning Area	Number of FDC places requested
Canning	20
Cockburn	20
Gosnells	10
Kwinana	40
Mandurah	10
Perth	8
Swan	8
Wanneroo	30
Total	146

TASMANIA

Planning Area	Number of FDC places requested
Burnie	40
Devonport	40
Glenorchy	15
Launceston	10
Total	105

NORTHERN TERRITORY

No requests for family day care places.

ACT

No requests for family day care places.

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Question No: 67

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 401

Senator Moore asked:

Please provide unmet demand information for the various types of outside school age care and whether it is before or after and vacation care.

Answer:

Unmet demand is measured by the number of places requested by services. The table below shows the number of outside school hours care places requested in each state and territory as at June 2003.

STATE/TERRITORY	BS	AS	VAC	TOTAL
New South Wales	2996	3960	4793	11749
Victoria	1135	1485	979	3599
Queensland	1667	3062	3102	7831
South Australia	540	1119	1005	2664
Western Australia	130	221	354	705
Tasmania	28	133	240	401
Northern Territory	30	160	160	350
Australian Capital Territory	246	246	330	822
TOTAL	6772	10386	10963	28121

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Question No: 68

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 401

Senator Collins asked:

Please provide up-to-date figures on requests for places from outside school hours care broken down by before, after and vacation care by

(a) state and territory

(b) local government

Answer:

The tables below show the number of outside school hours care places requested in each state and territory as at June 2003. The data is collected at the planning area level used by Planning Advisory Committees. Planning areas are often, but not always at local government area level.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Albury	0	15	0	15
Ashfield	13	3	10	26
Auburn	0	0	55	55
Bankstown	149	115	95	359
Bathurst	0	0	15	15
Baulkham Hills	96	106	186	388
Bega Valley	0	0	15	15
Blacktown	380	335	375	1090
Blue Mountains	15	80	105	200
Botany	17	5	4	26
Broken Hill	0	25	15	40
Burwood	0	5	25	30
Byron	10	0	5	15
Camden	50	145	125	320
Campbelltown	172	197	127	496
Canada Bay	60	60	75	195
Canterbury	60	60	60	180
Coffs Harbour	0	20	0	20
Cowra	20	0	0	20
Deniliquin	0	30	0	30
Dubbo	0	0	45	45
Dungog	40	25	20	85
Fairfield	80	100	95	275
Forbes	0	0	30	30
Gosford	10	5	85	100
Goulburn	0	40	0	40
Grafton	0	0	24	24

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Griffith	5	10	0	15
Hastings	40	50	30	120
Hawkesbury	30	15	35	80
Holroyd	190	215	185	590
Hornsby	35	45	135	215
Hurstville	30	75	100	205
Kempsey	15	30	15	60
Kiama	0	15	0	15
Kogarah	30	30	65	125
Ku-ring-gai	50	85	150	285
Kyogle	0	0	10	10
Lake Macquarie	0	35	75	110
Lane Cove	50	90	35	175
Leichardt	0	0	15	15
Lismore	0	30	30	60
Lithgow	20	20	0	40
Liverpool	109	194	255	558
Maitland	15	30	75	120
Manly	5	10	6	21
Marrickville	60	105	150	315
Mosman	5	10	0	15
Newcastle	55	55	10	120
Orange	15	15	15	45
Parramatta	30	40	115	185
Penrith	105	165	270	540
Pittwater	15	0	0	15
Queanbeyan	45	45	0	90
Randwick	65	95	145	305
Richmond Valley	0	0	15	15
Rockdale	80	65	121	266
Ryde	70	90	30	190
Shoalhaven	15	0	15	30
Singleton	30	30	0	60
Snowy River	0	0	10	10
South Sydney	50	90	105	245
Strathfield	0	5	0	5
Sutherland	105	120	110	335
Tallaganda	0	30	0	30
Tamworth	30	30	0	60
Tweed	20	30	85	135
Wagga Wagga	15	45	60	120
Walcha	0	35	0	35
Walgett	0	110	90	200
Warringah	100	65	120	285
Weddin	10	10	10	30
Wellington	20	20	0	40
Wentworth	0	0	15	15
Wingecarribee	30	0	30	60

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Wollongong	100	155	200	455
Woollahrah	15	30	30	75
Wyong	85	90	175	350
Yass	30	30	60	120
Total	2996	3960	4793	11749

VICTORIA

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Ararat	0	30	30	60
Ballarat	0	0	15	15
Banyule	75	35	0	110
Baw Baw	0	5	0	5
Boroondara	0	30	15	45
Brimbank	60	50	15	125
Cardinia	15	10	30	55
Casey	45	70	30	145
Darebin	42	50	40	132
Delatite	0	0	35	35
East Gippsland	0	5	0	5
Frankston	0	0	30	30
Glen Eira	25	92	40	157
Glenelg	0	15	0	15
Golden Plains	15	35	25	75
Greater Bendigo	15	20	0	35
Greater Dandenong	15	25	0	40
Greater Geelong	30	82	15	127
Greater Shepparton	0	0	15	15
Hepburn	10	30	30	70
Hobsons Bay	15	25	15	55
Hume	148	190	0	338
Kingston	10	5		15
Knox	75	68	30	173
Macedon Ranges	15	0	0	15
Manningham	25	40	95	160
Maribyrnong	10	5	45	60
Maroondah	15	13	30	58
Melbourne	15	20	40	75
Melton	30	65	0	95
Mildura	0	5	0	5
Mitchell	15	5	0	20
Monash	50	55	66	171
Moonee Valley	30	15	15	60
Moorabool	15	0	0	15
Moreland	20	30	0	50
Mornington Peninsula	15	70	85	170

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Mount Alexander	0	10	0	10
Murrindindi	0	15	0	15
Nillumbik	65	40	10	115
Northern Grampians	15	0	0	15
Port Phillip	0	20	0	20
Queenscliffe	15	20	30	65
Stonnington	15	30	0	45
Surf Coast	15	0	0	15
Swan Hill	0	10	0	10
Whitehorse	25	45	28	98
Whittlesea	45	30	55	130
Wodonga	0	0	30	30
Wyndham	15	15	10	40
Yarra	30	20	0	50
Yarra Ranges	45	35	30	110
Total	1135	1485	979	3599

QUEENSLAND

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Arundel	0	0	10	10
Ascot	0	10	30	40
Ashgrove	20	0	0	20
Aspley	25	40	15	80
Bald Hills	15	15	0	30
Balonne	30	50	0	80
Banyo	10	20	15	45
Beaudesert - Pt B	0	0	80	80
Beaudesert Bal in BSD	20	45	50	115
Benowa	0	15	0	15
Bethania-Waterford	5	30	10	45
Bracken Ridge	20	40	40	100
Bray Park	15	30	40	85
Brighton	20	0	0	20
Broadbeach	20	0	0	20
Broadbeach Waters	0	0	50	50
Browns Plains	90	90	90	270
Bulimba	10	45	5	60
Bundaberg	10	0	50	60
Burleigh Heads	0	0	20	20
Burnett Part B	0	30	0	30
Burpengary-Narangbah	0	0	20	20
Caboolture - Central	0	20	0	20
Cairns - Barron	0	50	50	100
Cairns - Central Suburbs	0	63	0	63
Cairns - Northern Suburbs	0	0	20	20
Cairns - Trinity	0	90	0	90

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Calamvale	0	0	40	40
Caloundra - Hinterland	10	0	25	35
Caloundra - Kawana	30	10	0	40
Cambooya	0	40	0	40
Cannon Hill	10	15	0	25
Capalaba	10	10	10	30
Carbrook-Cornubia	35	30	0	65
Carina	25	50	50	125
Carrara-Merrimac	0	60	140	200
Clontarf	4	15	7	26
Coomera-Cedar Creek	40	75	60	175
Coorparoo	10	13	0	23
Corinda	20	10	10	40
Currajong	0	40	30	70
Daisy Hill-Priestdale	0	0	50	50
Doolandella-Forest Lake	10	15	20	45
Eacham	0	30	30	60
East Brisbane	0	0	5	5
Elanora	30	25	35	90
Ferny Grove	30	20	10	60
Fraser	30	0	0	30
Gatton	15	10	40	65
Gladstone	15	0	30	45
Greenslopes	0	15	0	15
Guanaba-Currumbin Valley	0	10	40	50
Helensvale	10	20	20	50
Hervey Bay	0	0	20	20
Holland Park	20	20	20	60
Indooroopilly	20	30	35	85
Inner Brisbane South	0	0	30	30
Ipswich - Central	28	75	47	150
Ipswich - East	60	115	48	223
Ipswich - West	0	30	30	60
Jamboree Heights	30	20	45	95
Jindalee	25	20	15	60
Johnstone	0	0	15	15
Kallangur	20	35	45	100
Kedron	20	35	35	90
Kelvin Grove	0	10	10	20
Keperra	15	30	0	45
Kilcoy	0	15	20	35
Kingaroy	10	25	25	60
Kirwan	10	20	0	30
Laidley	15	55	0	70
Mackay - Pt A	0	30	0	30
Manly	15	30	30	75
Mansfield	30	50	40	120

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Mareeba	0	30	30	60
Margate-Woody Point	0	25	0	25
Maroochy - Bal in S Cst S	5	15	15	35
Maroochy - Buderim	15	60	55	130
Maroochy - Mooloolaba	20	0	0	20
Maroochy Bal	30	30	0	60
Maroochy - Coastal North	0	15	20	35
Maroochy - Maroochydhore	0	10	30	40
Maroochy - Nambour	15	20	0	35
Miami	0	0	40	40
Moorooka	20	30	30	80
Mt Gravatt	15	30	30	75
Mt Gravatt East	10	0	0	10
Mt Louisa-Mt St John-Bohle	0	0	30	30
Mudgeeraba	25	45	45	115
Munduberra	0	0	30	30
Murarie	15	30	30	75
Murray	25	45	40	110
Nerang	0	10	40	50
Noosa - Sunshine Peregian	30	50	50	130
Norman Park	10	10	0	20
Northgate	0	0	25	25
Nudgee	15	30	30	75
Nundah	15	0	0	15
Oonoonba-Idalia-Cluden	0	30	30	60
Petrie	15	20	20	55
Pine Rivers Bal	35	86	25	146
Pinkenba Eagle-Eagle Farm	0	0	30	30
Redcliffe-Scarborough	30	50	90	170
Robina-Clear Island Waters	40	25	15	80
Rochedale	10	15	10	35
Rothwell-Kippa Ring	5	5	0	10
Runcorn	20	20	20	60
Sandgate	0	15	5	20
South Burnett	15	0	0	15
South Brisbane	0	0	50	50
Southport	30	20	45	95
Spring Hill	0	0	30	30
Springwood	0	15	0	15
Stafford	0	15	0	15
Strathpine	0	0	10	10
Sunnybark	10	55	0	65
Sunshine Coast	30	0	0	30
Thornlands	0	0	30	30
Thuringowa - Pt A Bal	20	85	60	165
Tingalpa	25	40	45	110
Toowoomba - North West	20	0	25	45
Toowoomba - Central	0	15	0	15

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Toowoomba - North East	15	25	0	40
Toowoomba - South East	0	30	20	50
Toowoomba - West	0	10	0	10
Upper Mt Gravatt	20	0	0	20
Victoria Point	0	0	40	40
Wilston	10	15	0	25
Windsor	20	40	30	90
Wishart	35	40	40	115
Wondai	0	15	15	30
Woodridge	20	20	40	80
Wooloowin	0	0	20	20
Zillmere	15	30	30	75
Total	1667	3062	3102	7831

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Adelaide	0	0	30	30
Adelaide Hills Bal	24	40	70	134
Adelaide Hills Central	0	0	30	30
Adelaide Hills North	12	20	20	52
Adelaide Hills Ranges	24	50	50	124
Barossa	12	20	20	52
Burnside North East	5	10	0	15
Campbelltown West	12	15	0	27
Charles Sturt Coast	0	20	0	20
Gawler	33	0	30	63
Light	12	30	40	82
Loxton & Waikerie East	12	20	20	52
Marion Central	0	0	30	30
Marion North	0	0	30	30
Marion South	20	20	50	90
Mitcham Hills	15	25	0	40
Mitcham North East	15	35	0	50
Mitcham West	10	20	0	30
Murray Bridge	12	20	20	52
Onkaparinga Morphett	30	45	45	120
Onkaparinga North Coast	12	20	70	102
Onkaparinga Reservoir	28	20	30	78
Onkaparinga South Coast	10	15	65	90
Onkaparinga Woodcroft	48	124	0	172
Playford East Central	0	0	15	15
Playford Elizabeth	5	25	0	30
Playford Hills	12	80	20	112
Playford West	12	30	30	72
Playford West Central	5	0	15	20

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Port Adelaide Enfield Coast	0	0	50	50
Port Adelaide Enfield East	10	60	0	70
Port Adelaide Enfield Inner	12	20	20	52
Port Adelaide Enfield Port	12	0	0	12
Port Augusta	12	30	0	42
Robe	12	30	0	42
Salisbury Bal	5	5	0	10
Salisbury Central	10	15	5	30
Salisbury Inner North	0	20	20	40
Salisbury North East	15	20	15	50
Salisbury South East	17	43	35	95
Tea Tree Gully Central	0	10	30	40
Tea Tree Gully Hills	8	0	30	38
Tea Tree Gully North	0	50	0	50
Tea Tree Gully South	30	35	0	65
Unley East	0	15	10	25
Unley West	0	15	30	45
Walkerville	5	10	0	15
West Torrens East	12	22	30	64
West Torrens West	0	15	0	15
Total	540	1119	1005	2664

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Armadale	16	14	39	69
Belmont	0	0	20	20
Bunbury	0	0	10	10
Fremantle	0	24	13	37
Joondalup	16	46	0	62
Kalamunda	26	39	39	104
Melville	0	0	5	5
Perth	0	0	39	39
Pilbara	0	0	40	40
South Perth	0	0	5	5
Stirling	0	14	39	53
Swan	20	39	13	72
Upper South West	26	39	49	114
Wanneroo	26	6	43	75
Total	130	221	354	705

TASMANIA

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Break O'Day	0	20	20	40

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Burnie City	0	15	0	15
Central Coast	0	15	15	30
Clarence	0	0	80	80
Devonport	0	20	20	40
Glenorchy	0	33	65	98
Hobart	28	0	20	48
Kingborough	0	0	20	20
Launceston	0	30	0	30
Total	28	133	240	401

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Darwin CBD	0	60	60	120
Northern Suburbs	0	35	35	70
Palmerston	30	65	65	160
Total	30	160	160	350

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Planning Area	Places requested by OSHC services			Total
	BS	AS	VAC	
Gungahlin	39	11	0	50
North Belconnen	0	76	0	76
South Belconnen	50	15	66	131
North Canberra	59	41	0	100
South Canberra	10	58	69	137
North Tuggeranong	49	20	25	94
South Tuggeranong	39	25	0	64
Weston Creek	0	0	80	80
Woden Valley	0	0	90	90
Total	246	246	330	822

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Question No: 69

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA401

Senator Collins asked:

Please provide a table containing the following information – Nearly 1,400 places are also available for reallocation and that will be ongoing. The state-by-state break up of that 1398 places is 1,087 in New South Wales; 189 in Queensland; four in Western Australia; 18 in South Australia; and 100 in the ACT. So that is on top of the 5850 places – another nearly 1,400 places also to be reallocated.

Answer:

The tables below provide the numbers of reallocated places and places available for reallocation for Outside School Hours Care.

Places Reallocated prior to May 2003		Places Available for Reallocation as at May 2003
New South Wales	1222	1087
Victoria	2791	0
Queensland	140	189
South Australia	1012	18
Western Australia	372	4
Tasmania	126	0
Northern Territory	0	0
Australian Capital Territory	187	100
TOTALS	5850	1398

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Question No: 70

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA402

Senator Collins asked:

Please provide by State and Territory the reallocation of outside school hour care places to vacation care – please refer to Hansard.

Answer:

Table below shows the numbers of places reallocated to vacation care from July 2001 to May 2003.

State/Territory

New South Wales	330
Victoria	1101
Queensland	75
South Australia	767
Western Australia	248
Tasmania	15
Northern Territory	5
Australian Capital Territory	83
TOTAL	2624

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Question No: 71

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA403

Senator Collins asked:

Am I correct in inferring that there were no such reallocations in New South Wales, South Australia, mostly, from the ACT?

Answer:

The response to Question on Notice No 1055 about the number of reallocated Vacation Care places to States and Territories was provided in February 2003 and was: Victoria 1030, Queensland 230, Western Australia 198 and Northern Territory 5. There were none in New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania or Australian Capital Territory at that time.

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Question No: 72

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 403

Senator Moore asked:

Can we get something from you that spells out what you take into account in the general reviewing process? I know that the things you just mentioned were people's local knowledge and awareness, but I am interested in it in terms of the kinds of things that are used to assess need, and what is used to provide advice for those decisions that the planning advisory councils make about what the needs are. It would be useful to have something from the department to tell us that, so we are speaking the same language.

Answer:

Child care places (except long day care centre places) are allocated in accordance with the Child Care Benefit (Allocation of Child Care Places) Determination 2000. This determination requires the Secretary to take into account the relative needs of different areas of Australia for the kinds of child care places to be allocated.

Planning Advisory Committees (PACS) operate in each State and Territory to provide advice on the areas that need child care places. PACS are provided with a range of demographic and other data on supply and demand for child care places at the local level.

From July 2003, the key indicators used to assess need will be the comparative supply of child care places in different areas, the expressed demand for child care places in those areas and the utilisation of existing places in those areas. Comparative supply ranks each planning area according to the number of child care places per 100 children. Demand is based on requests from services or prospective service operators to be allocated approved places. It is a measure of the number of places that services could actually put into operation. Utilisation shows the percentage of approved places in an area that are actually used. These indicators will continue to be supplemented by any additional survey or other information and the local or sectoral knowledge brought to meetings by PAC members.

PACs will make recommendations to the Department on the relative priorities of areas requiring additional child care places based on these four main sources of information.

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Question No: 75

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 416

Senator Collins asked:

Are members of the Child Care Planning Advisory Committees

- (a) on fixed terms?
- (b) How often are they reviewed
- (c) Reviewed by whom

Answer:

- (a) Planning Advisory Committee members serve as representatives of child care peak bodies and state and local government, not as individuals. Members are not appointed on fixed terms.
- (b) and (c) Membership of Planning Advisory Committees is not formally reviewed, but State and Territory Offices of the Department of Family and Community Services monitor membership of their Planning Advisory Committees to ensure it remains appropriate.

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Question No: 76

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 416

Senator Collins asked:

Are there any user representatives on the Planning Advisory Committees?

Answer:

Not directly, although a number of members of the Planning and Advisory Committees would be expected to have current or past experience as users.

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Question No: 77

Topic: Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 416

Senator Collins asked:

Has there ever been consideration of involving users on Planning Advisory Committees?

Answer:

When Planning Advisory Committees (PACs) were first established, the number of members of each PAC was limited to six and did not allow for user representatives.

Subsequently, some states and territories have considered the inclusion of user representatives on their PACs. However to date, there have been difficulties in identifying an appropriate person or organisation with the necessary skills and knowledge interested in taking up the position.

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Question No: 73

Topic: Jobs Education and Training (JET) Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 415

Senator Moore asked:

Please provide an idea of what the current numbers of JET placements are across Queensland.

Answer:

The number of parents referred for JET Child Care assistance in Queensland during the period 1 July 2002 to 31 May 2003 was 3,596. The number of children involved in these referrals was 5100.

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Question No: 79

Topic: Jobs Education and Training (JET) Child Care

Hansard Page: CA 419

Senator Moore asked:

If you had someone who has been approved as a JET placement and that does have that little flag priority, is that clearly identified somewhere? Can we find out whether there is anyone in that situation across the country?

Answer:

Each month there are a small number of JET eligible parents for whom child care places are not immediately available due to the current high demand for child care. During May 2003, child care places were not able to be found for 6 children (from 4 families) across Australia. If a suitable child care place is not immediately available, JET staff will continue efforts to locate a child care place unless the parent advises s/he is no longer seeking child care.

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Question No: 74

Topic: Think Tank on Work Force Issues – Invitees

Hansard Page: CA415

Senator Moore asked:

Think Tank on work force issues – please provide advice about who was at that particular meeting?

Answer:

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Output Group: 1.4

Question No: 78

Topic:

Hansard Page: CA417 Written question on notice

Senator Collins asked: (in relation to the Department's website)

Is there another page in relation to the Child Care Reference Group and does that include minutes that are more current?

Answer:

There is no page on the FaCS website in relation to the Child Care Reference Group and therefore no minutes.

All references to the previous Child Care Benefit Reference Group have been removed from the website.

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Output Group: 1.4 Question
Topic:

No: 80

Hansard Page: CA325

Senator Moore asked:

SNSS Child Care Waiting List - What is the oldest application on the waiting list, the one that has taken the longest to fill?

Answer:

The oldest application on the SNSS waiting list is dated 24 October 2001.

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Output Group: 1.4

Question No: 81

Topic: Special Needs Subsidy Scheme

Hansard Page: CA326

Senator Moore asked:

Special Needs Subsidy Scheme – For the children who are eligible for the program and are currently receiving help under the program—what kinds of special needs have been identified and how many people with individual needs are being helped? You have talked about autism and so on.

Answer:

The focus of The Special Needs Subsidy Scheme (SNSS) is on building the capacity of child care services to successfully include all children.

The Special Needs Subsidy Scheme is available to children who have an ongoing need for a high level of support in a child care environment. According to the SNSS Guidelines, the eligible groups are:

- children with disabilities (diagnosed physical, sensory, neurological, intellectual or learning impairment),
- children undergoing continuing assessment for such disabilities or developmental delay; and/or
- refugee children who have been subjected to torture or trauma in their country of origin or during their refugee experience.

As at 1 April 2003, 3414 children were receiving SNSS support.

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Output Group: 1.4

Question No: 82

Topic: Special Needs Subsidy Scheme

Hansard Page: CA327

Senator Moore asked:

How long does it normally take from the time that you validate the application to a child starting in a centre?

Answer:

Validation of applications already on the SNSS waiting list is only conducted when there is a strong indication that a child may immediately begin receiving SNSS support.

The validation exercise takes into account a range of variables and reviews the application to assess whether the child's circumstances would still make them eligible for support or, if the child already receives some support and is seeking additional hours, whether the application still meets the eligibility to the additional care.

There is no 'normal' or average timeframe for this to occur, as there is a large range of variables for each individual case. As a result the Department does not collect data of this nature.

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Output Group: 1.4

Question No: 163

Topic: Child Care Staffing Issues

Written question on notice

Senator Bishop asked:

Please provide the most recently available data/information in the following areas, broken down by State/Territory for all Commonwealth funded child care related activities:

- a) Numbers of approved and registered services (by service type)
- b) Breakdown by service type by ownership (i.e. community based, private, multi-owned private (i.e. 3 or more services owned by single operator))
- c) Places allocated by service type
- d) Utilisation rates by service type
- e) Children assisted by service type
- f) Families assisted by service type
- g) Number of staff/carers by service type
- h) Number of openings and closures by services type by electorate and/or by State

Unmet demand

Please provide the most recent data available (from Planning Advisory Committees or other sources, identifying the source of the information) on:

- a) Unmet demand for Family Day Care, by State/Territory
- b) Places requested for Family Day Care, by State/Territory
- c) Places requested for Occasional Care, by State/Territory
- d) Unmet demand for Outside School Hours Care, by State/Territory, and by service type (i.e. Before School Care, After School Care, Vacation Care)
- e) Places requested for Outside School Hours Care, by State/Territory, and by service type (i.e. Before School Care, After School Care, Vacation Care)
- f) Places requested for other types of child care, by State/Territory (e.g. MACS, Multi-function centres, In-Home Care, etc)

Reallocation of Places – FDC and OSH

Please provide update on the number of places reallocated, with details by State and Territory of where they have come from and where they have been allocated to, since 1 July 2001 in:

- a) Family Day Care
- b) In Home Child Care
- c) Outside School Hours Care, broken down into After School, Before School and Vacation Care places

Child Care Benefit

Provide details of how much CCB is provided to users of the following service types:

- a) Long Day Care
- b) Family Day Care
- c) In Home Child Care
- d) Outside School Hours Care, broken down into After School, Before School and Vacation Care places
- e) Occasional Care

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Staffing issues -

- a) Why was there no measure in the 2003-04 Budget to address the staffing shortage in child care?
- b) When will the outcomes of the Government "think tank" be publicly available? Please provide a copy.

Answer:

- a) Approved and registered services by service type and State/Territory, June 2001

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
ASC ¹	613	666	476	241	127	54	48	73	2,298
BSC ¹	463	407	293	196	59	17	8	35	1,478
FDC	116	87	114	25	30	15	12	9	408
LDC	1,661	813	895	190	336	53	45	80	4,073
MAC ²	12	7	3	5	5	1	4	0	37
MULTI ²	1	2	3	2	3	0	3	0	14
OCC	46	25	16	3	12	4	1	4	111
VAC	495	296	413	167	124	47	51	38	1,631
TOTAL ³	3,407	2,303	2,213	829	696	191	172	239	10,050
RCP ⁴	5,385	4,564	4,339	1,214	1,202	412	231	608	17,988

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care, LDC: Long day care, MAC: Multifunctional aboriginal children's service, Multi: Multifunctional children's service, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care, RCP: Registered care provider.

(1) Adding ASC and BSC services will under -count OSHC services due to the current Centrelink process of combining co-located and co-managed ASC and BSC services into single administrative ASC services. The combining of services also affects the overall total of services.

(2) MAC and Multi figures are estimates from December 2000.

(3) Includes approved services only as registered care providers are not counted as approved child care services.

(4) There were 33 registered care providers whose home State/Territory could not be determined.

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b) Breakdown by service type by ownership (i.e. community based, private, multi-owned private) as at April 2003.

Service type	No. of owners
CLD	908
PLD (1 or 2 services)	2132
Multit-PLD (3 or more)	74

Source: Centrelink Administrative Data, April 2003

Note: CLD: Community Based Long Day Care (not for profit); PLD: Private Long Day Care (for profit)

Note: Multi-PLD is defined as a sponsor recorded as owning 3 or more private services on COS.

c) Places allocated by service type and State/Territory, June 2001

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
ASC	26,653	28,681	25,110	10,286	6,640	1,972	1,837	3,473	104,652
BSC	14,571	13,750	9,797	4,850	2,073	340	153	1,539	47,073
FDC	22,351	16,747	12,547	5,323	4,772	3,247	904	4,949	70,840
LDC	64,271	42,156	55,297	9,904	13,896	2,355	1,909	4,021	193,809
MAC ¹	460	170	120	125	151	27	115	0	1,168
MULTI ¹	55	100	134	74	126	0	136	0	625
OCC	1,186	722	516	83	376	79	10	102	3,074
VAC	20,739	15,001	22,965	8,031	6,636	1,952	1,750	1,712	78,786
TOTAL	150,286	117,327	126,486	38,676	34,670	9,972	6,814	15,796	500,027
RCP ²	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care, LDC: Long day care, MAC: Multifunctional aboriginal children's service, Multi: Multifunctional children's service, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

(1) MAC and Multi figures are estimates from December 2000.

(2) Approved places are not allocated to registered care providers.

d) Utilisation rate by service type and State/Territory

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
LDC	90.1	84.2	88.4	82.2	89.6	77.9	79.3	85.3	87.8
FDC	72.0	77.5	87.5	87.0	71.9	75.4	59.9	47.5	77.8

LDC : Long Day Care: FDC: Family Day care

Source : Census of Child Care Services 2002

Note: Utilisation is only available for LDC and FDC services.

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e) Children using approved care services by service type and State/Territory during the September 2002 quarter

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST (2)
ASC	38,683	43,980	42,695	22,918	7,410	3,482	1,919	4,686	165,601
BSC	14,176	14,124	8,851	6,987	1,680	166	79	901	46,895
FDC	39,934	30,264	25,081	13,061	9,029	6,426	1,083	2,512	126,657
LDC	135,765	82,501	122,799	25,944	38,124	7,258	3,125	6,472	422,553
OCC	4,931	3,800	1,977	353	1,551	348	6	334	13,227
VAC	33,466	27,690	33,745	17,949	10,495	3,166	2,001	2,245	130,780
TOTAL (1)	226,306	174,361	196,629	64,154	59,443	18,072	6,725	14,390	759,063

(1) Total count does not represent an aggregation of service type data as children may have used more than one type of service during the quarter.

(2) Australian total does not represent an aggregation of State and Territory data as some children have used services in more than one State/Territory during the quarter.

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care (including in-home-care), LDC: Long day care, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

Note: weighted data

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 03-01-03

f) Families using approved care services by service type and State/Territory during the September 2002 quarter

Service type	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST (2)
ASC	28,534	31,069	28,994	15,525	5,247	2,446	1,360	3,497	116,587
BSC	10,794	10,321	6,367	4,919	1,209	120	51	691	34,426
FDC	28,392	19,583	16,714	7,717	6,250	4,229	801	1,685	84,885
LDC	114,052	66,165	91,641	20,774	29,520	5,848	2,535	5,351	336,099
OCC	4,053	2,990	1,627	286	1,247	291	6	262	10,711
VAC	23,162	18,598	22,195	11,593	7,075	2,140	1,363	1,627	87,743
TOTAL (1)	169,164	120,710	133,590	41,995	42,725	12,321	4,643	10,146	534,370

(1) Total count does not represent an aggregation of service type data as families may have used more than one type of service during the quarter.

(2) Australian total does not represent an aggregation of State and Territory data as some families have used services in more than one State/Territory during the quarter.

ASC: After school hours care, BSC: Before school care, FDC: Family day care (including in-home-care), LDC: Long day care, OCC: Occasional care, VAC: Vacation care.

Note: Weighted data.

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 03-01-03

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g) Staff and carers by service type and State/Territory.

Staffing for service	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
LDC	14020	9400	9443	2661	3107	733	400	1023	40787
FDC-STAFF	601	309	385	146	117	62	22	51	1693
FDC-CARERS	3848	2959	2795	1163	781	440	143	396	12525
IHC-STAFF	9	38	41	7	15	10	0	6	126
IHC-CARERS	77	53	131	7	26	80	0	15	389
OSHC	2822	2775	2327	1119	480	223	134	577	10457
VAC	2767	2000	2488	1296	741	262	168	228	9950
OCC	377	225	162	27	88	43	0	17	939
MULTI	12	36	29	31	21	0	14	0	143
MAC	158	58	24	39	61	14	19	0	373
MOB	29	28	20	11	28	0	10	0	126
APG	22	7	82	28	29	0	17	0	185
TOTAL	24742	17888	17927	6535	5494	1867	927	2313	77693

LDC: Long Day Care, FDC: Family Day Care, IHC: In Home Care, OSHC: Outside School Hours Care, VAC: Vacation care, OCC: Occasional care Multi: Multifunctional children's service, MAC: Multifunctional aboriginal children's service, MOB: Mobile toy libraries, APG: Aboriginal Play Groups

Note: Child Care Census staff and carer data cannot be reliably split into BSC and ASC.

Note: FDC and IHC staff counts administrative staff. FDC and IHC carers count actual carers only.

Source: 2002 Census of Child Care (unweighted)

h) Openings and Closures of Child Care Centres

The table below shows openings and closures of Commonwealth funded child care centres by service type and electorate for the period 1 July 2002 – 1 April 2003. Note that current openings and closures information does not take into account transfers of service ownership. When the ownership of a service is transferred Centrelink is required to close the service on the Child Care Operator system and to create a new service record to affect the transfer. This means that any transfer of ownership will be recorded as both an opening and a closure.

Additionally, Centrelink is combining co-located and co-managed After School Care and Before School Care services into single administrated outside school hours care services. This means that most Before School Care service closures will in fact be a result of this process and should not be regarded as closures. Therefore the information in the following table is not comparable with previous information provided on openings and closures.

Openings and closures by Commonwealth electoral division and service type (July 2002-April 2003)

Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d
Adelaide	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	2	0	0	1	0
Aston	1	1	1	6	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	1

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Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d
Ballarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Banks	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	1
Barker	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Barton	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Bass	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Batman	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Bendigo	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bennelong	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Berowra	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Blair	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Blaxland	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Bonython	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Boothby	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Bowman	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Braddon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Bradfield	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0
Brand	2	1	0	0	0	0	10	8	0	0	0	0
Brisbane	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1
Bruce	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
Burke	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	1	1	0
Calare	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0
Calwell	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Canberra	3	4	1	1	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0
Canning	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Capricornia	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Casey	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0
Charlton	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1
Chifley	2	3	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	3

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Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d
Chisholm	1	1	1	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	1	0
Cook	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	1	1
Corio	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
Cowan	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	1	1
Cowper	0	0	0	0	3	0	6	5	0	0	0	1
Cunningham	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1
Curtin	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1
Dawson	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	3	0	0	0	0
Deakin	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	3	0
Denison	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dickson	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0
Dobell	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	1	0	0
Dunkley	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0
Eden-Monaro	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0
Fadden	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1
Fairfax	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Farrer	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	1	1
Fisher	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	0	0	0	0
Flinders	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Forde	2	1	0	0	0	0	13	14	0	0	0	0
Forrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fowler	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Franklin	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fraser	3	2	0	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	1
Fremantle	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Gellibrand	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Gilmore	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	1

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Electoral Division	Service											
	ASC		BSC		FDC		LDC		OCC		VAC	
	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d
Gippsland	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Goldstein	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Grayndler	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Greenway	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Grey	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Griffith	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	1
Groom	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0
Gwydir	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
Hasluck	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Herbert	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	0	1	1
Higgins	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hindmarsh	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Hinkler	0	1	0	2	0	0	9	11	0	0	0	1
Holt	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Hotham	1	1	1	6	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	1
Hughes	1	1	0	3	0	0	6	3	0	0	1	1
Hume	1	2	0	0	2	1	4	4	0	0	2	3
Hunter	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Indi	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0
Isaacs	2	2	1	3	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	1
Jagajaga	0	0	0	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
Kalgoorlie	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0
Kennedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	1
Kingsford Smith	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1
Kingston	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	2	1
Kooyong	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
La Trobe	1	0	1	2	0	0	8	7	0	0	1	1
Lalor	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0

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	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d
Leichhardt	1	1	0	0	1	1	13	8	0	0	1	2
Lilley	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	0
Lindsay	1	1	1	4	1	0	6	6	0	0	1	1
Lingiari	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
Longman	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
Lowe	1	1	0	3	0	0	5	5	0	0	2	1
Lyne	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	1	0
Lyons	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Macarthur	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	10	0	0	0	0
Mackellar	3	3	0	1	0	0	5	4	0	0	1	1
Macquarie	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Makin	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Mallee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
Maranoa	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0
Maribyrnong	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
Mcewen	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mcmillan	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Mcpherson	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0
Melbourne	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Melbourne Ports	1	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1
Menzies	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	0
Mitchell	1	2	0	1	1	1	8	6	0	0	2	5
Moncrieff	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	14	0	0	0	0
Moore	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	3	1
Moreton	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0
Murray	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	2	0

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	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d
New England	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
North Sydney	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	1
O'Connor	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oxley	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	1	0
Page	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	8	0	0	0	0
Parkes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Parramatta	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	1
Paterson	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
Pearce	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Perth	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	5	0	0	1	0
Petrie	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0
Port Adelaide	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1
Prospect	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0
Rankin	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	1
Reid	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Richmond	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	7	0	0	0	0
Riverina	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	10	0	0	0	0
Robertson	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Ryan	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0
Scullin	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0
Shortland	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Solomon	2	2	1	1	0	0	9	7	0	0	4	3
Stirling	1	2	0	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Sturt	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0
Swan	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	1
Sydney	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2

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	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d	Open d	Close d
Tangney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Throsby	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0
Wakefield	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1
Wannon	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Warringah	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Watson	2	2	0	1	2	0	3	3	0	0	2	2
Wentworth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
Werriwa	1	0	0	4	1	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Wide Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0
Wills	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

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Unmet Demand –

- a) Unmet demand is measured by the number of places requested by services. The table below shows demand for Family Day Care at June 2003.

<i>New South Wales</i>	663
Victoria	130
Queensland	1201
South Australia	316
Western Australia	146
Tasmania	105
Northern Territory	0
ACT	0
Total	2561

- b) Places requested for Family Day Care. Unmet demand is measured by the number of places requested by services. Accordingly, unmet demand is the same as places requested.
- c) Places requested for Occasional Care. No States/Territories have requests for additional places for Occasional Care.

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- d) Unmet demand is measured by the number of places requested by services. The table below provides data on unmet demand for Outside School Hours Care as at June 2003.

State/Territory	BS	AS	VAC	TOTAL
New South Wales	2996	3960	4793	11749
Victoria	1135	1485	979	3599
Queensland	1667	3062	3102	7831
South Australia	540	1119	1005	2664
Western Australia	130	221	354	705
Tasmania	28	133	240	401
Northern Territory	30	160	160	350
ACT	246	246	330	822
Total	6772	10386	10963	28121

- e) Places requested for Outside School Hours Care. This is the same answer as Unmet demand for Outside School Hours Care.

- f) Places requested for In-home Care as at May 2003:

State/Territory	Places Requested	Places Allocated
NSW	589	260
QLD	667	270
SA	105	20
WA	60	85
TAS	40	65
NT	Nil	Nil
ACT	Nil	Nil
VIC	Nil*	Nil
Total	1461	700

*Victoria had previously requested an allocated 103 places.

Other forms of child care, such as MACS and Multi-functional services are not considered in the National Planning System. Consequently data on requests for places is not collected formally.

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Reallocation of Places – FDC and OSH

- (a) The table below provides the number of places relinquished and reallocated in Family Day Care from July 2001 until June 2003.

States	Relinquished	Reallocated
NSW	626	1356
VIC	1476	358
QLD	30	667
WA	64	191
TAS	60	60
ACT	210	80
TOTAL	2466	2712*

* This figure includes places that were available at the commencement of the reallocation exercise.

- (b) In-home Child Care:
There have been no places reallocated since 1 July 2001.
- (c) The table below provides the number of relinquished and reallocated places in Outside School Hours Care, from July 2001 until June 2003.

States	Relinquished				Reallocated			
	BS	AS	VAC	ALL	BS	AS	VAC	ALL
NSW	687	990	737	2414	332	560	330	1222
QLD	78	146	105	329	15	50	75	140
VIC	1288	1118	385	2791	470	1220	1101	2791
SA	281	490	259	1030	95	146	767	1012
WA	138	143	95	376	14	110	248	372
TAS	45	55	26	126	0	111	15	126
ACT	60	120	107	287	31	73	83	187
TOTAL	2577	3062	1714	7353	957	2270	2619	5850

Child Care Benefit

The amount of Child Care Benefit for the service types requested for the 2001-2002 financial year is shown below.

Service type	Percentage	CCB (\$)
ASC	4.1	52,116,747
BSC	0.8	10,049,416
FDC	18.6	235,756,647
LDC	72.8	923,938,506
OCC	0.5	5,961,836
VAC	3.3	41,296,565
TOTAL	100.0	1,269,119,717

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Note: Excludes CCB received as a lump sum payment and CCB paid for informal care.

Note: Data for each service type has been weighted.

Note: In-home-care expenditure is included in the Family Day Care amount.

Note: Information is based on pre-reconciliation amounts paid to families during the financial year. These figures do not take into account Centrelink advance/acquittals to services.

Note: Weighted data.

Source: Centrelink administrative data as at 01-11-02.

Staffing issues -

- a) The Think Tank on child care workforce issues was held in Canberra on 8 and 9 April 2003. Around fifty-six participants attended, representing all levels of government, peak child care bodies, training providers, academics and unions. One of the key messages from the Think Tank was that the issue of child care staffing is a responsibility shared across different levels of government and the child care sector. The Department will be working with state and territory governments to ensure that all parties that can make a difference on these issues agree to take up that responsibility.
- b) Participants have been sent a copy of the recommendations and strategies put forward at the Think Tank. The Department is currently finalising the full Think Tank report.