## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

## 2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5 Question No: 393

**Topic:** Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability

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## Senator Fifield asked:

Please provide numbers for:

- a) Total Helping Children with Autism registrations since the program commenced.
- b) Total services provided through the related Medicare items so far in 2011-2012.

## **Answer:**

- a) As at 31 May 2012, the total number of children registered for early intervention services under Helping Children with Autism since commencement was 20,819.
- b) The Department of Health and Ageing advise the total number of services provided through the related Medicare items (Item numbers: 289; 135; 137; 139; 82000; 82005; 82010; 82015; 82020; 82025; 82030; 82035; 82035) as at 31 May 2012 was 179,088.