

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 122

Topic: Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability Program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

- a) Has the department identified a greater need for ‘before & after school’ care, or for vacation care? What have you identified as the need for before and after school care? What have you identified as the need for vacation care?
- b) Given that organisations don’t necessarily provide both services, was funding proportionately awarded to organisations according to that need?
- c) Given that this is a recognised area of “very high unmet need”, how often is this program reviewed and considered for additional funding?
- d) What is the unmet need?

Answer:

- a) In relation to Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability the Department has identified the greatest need is for holiday care followed by after school care. There is minimal demand for before school care.
- b) Yes.
- c) The program has recently been evaluated and the final report is under consideration. The first funding round commenced in 2009 and additional funding was provided in 2010.
- d) Unmet need for this program has not been quantified however the ABS has estimated from the 2003 ABS Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers that the number of students aged 12 to 18 years with severe or profound disability is 60,400.