

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0244\_14

**Senator Back asked on 6 June 2013, Hansard page 28**

**Question**

**Children and Family Centres in remote locations**

Senator BACK: Given that the initiative was to achieve the Closing the Gap target for preschool access in remote Australia, can you tell us now or on notice how many of these preschools were built in remote locations, and can you tell us where they were? Ms Paul: We can do that on notice.

**Answer**

Sixteen of the 38 Children and Family Centres are being constructed in remote locations. They include Brewarrina and Lightning Ridge in New South Wales; Mt Isa, Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Palm Island in Queensland; Halls Creek, Kununurra, Fitzroy Crossing and Roebourne in Western Australia; Ceduna and Pukatja in South Australia and Maningrida, Yuendumu, Gunbalanya and Ngukurr in Northern Territory.

Each centre will provide integrated early childhood education and care services including child care (at or through the centre), early learning and parental and family support. This may include preschool, depending on the needs and circumstances of the communities in each location.