

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0228\_15**

**Senator O'Neill provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Community Support Program**

Program 1.1 includes the Community Support Program. Please provide a list of the family day care services that currently receive CSP funding. Please also provide the current numbers by state and by electorate of family day care services and family day care educators. Please provide the number of families in each state and territory and in each electorate that currently claim CCB and/or CCR for the children in a family day care service. If possible, please provide these figures as family day care only (without in-home care numbers added in). If not possible to separate, the total numbers are fine.

**Answer**

Prior to 1 April 2014, all approved Family Day Care services were eligible for Community Support Programme (CSP) funding. Details of all approved Family Day Care services are available on the MyChild website at [www.mychild.gov.au](http://www.mychild.gov.au)

Since the introduction of eligibility criteria for new Family Day Care services from 1 April 2014, a small number of services on the MyChild website may be ineligible for CSP funding because they do not meet the eligibility criteria. However, due to the time it takes to process applications for CSP funding, the department does not have data on which services may be ineligible at this time.

Data on the number of Family Day Care and In Home Care services in each state and territory is provided in the "Child Care and Early Learning in Summary" document, available at the Department of Education's website (extract below). The department does not have data readily available at the electorate level and is unable to provide this as it would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.

<b>Service type</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic.</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Tas.</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>
Family day care and In-home care	167	249	129	24	37	14	<5	8

Source: Child Care and Early Learning in Summary – September quarter 2013

The department does not have data readily available on the number of Family Day Care educators at the state and territory or the electorate level, or the number of families that currently claim Child Care Benefit and/or Child Care Rebate for children in a Family Day Care service at the state and territory or the electorate level. The

department is unable provide this as it would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.