

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

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

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Senator McKenzie asked on 4 June 2014 , Hansard page 52

Question

Preschool funding

Senator McKENZIE: Prior to the universal access national partnership, did states and territories fund access to preschool? For how many hours? Will they continue to fund access to preschool in their jurisdictions? Ms Wilson: Yes. They did. There were variable hours across jurisdictions. I am not sure that we have that detail of how many hours were funded in each state and territory, but it was close to around nine to 10 hours a week. Senator McKENZIE: Maybe on notice. I am sure you will have it from the previous hearings.

Answer

Based on information provided by states and territories the average hour a child was enrolled in preschool in 2008 prior to the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education is provided below.

2008	Average weekly hours of attendance as provided by jurisdictions
NSW	12.66
Vic	10
Qld	12.8
WA	11
SA	11
Tas	10.8
ACT	13
NT	12