

**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. ED0299\_15**

**Senator Lines asked on 4 June 2014 , Hansard page 54**

**Question**

**Number of children in each state accessing the 15 hours per week universal access**

Senator LINES: Queensland Treasury notes that their programs are delivered to about 60,000 children in kindergartens and day care centres. I think, from memory, they are one of the few states that have really spread that money out. Can you provide the department's figures on number of children in each state accessing the 15 hours per week? I am not sure if Senator McKenzie asked a similar question. Mr De Silva: We could take it on notice. It will be in the national collection. Ms Wilson: There was an ABS data release recently at the high levels. But we can certainly take it on board.

**Answer**

The table below shows the number of children who were enrolled in a preschool programme for at least 15 hours per week, as set out in the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication Preschool Education Australia, 2013 (cat. No. 4240.0).

<b>NSW</b>	<b>Vic</b>	<b>Qld</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
46 366	66 692	60 080	14 506	32 081	6 652	3 287	5 364	235 294