

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Senator Ruston asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 76

Question

Childcare worker numbers in Australia

Senator RUSTON: Do you have the number of childcare workers there are in Australia? Mr De Silva: I will probably need to take that on notice. We do have the most recent workforce census, but I do not have the estimated number of total educators in this sector.

Answer

The most recent available data is for the 2010 Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) National Workforce Census. This reported an estimated 139 187 staff were working in the sector at the reference week. This may include some double counting of staff who worked in more than one position during the reference week.