

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0432_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Special Child Care Benefit

Can the department provide the latest data on the number of families and number of children that have received Special Child Care Benefit? Can you provide that breakdown by state and territory and by electorate?

Answer

The table below identifies the number of children and families that received Special Child Care Benefit in the December quarter 2013 by jurisdiction. Data by electorate is not readily available.

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia*
Number of children	3,780	5,200	2,310	1,120	1,500	360	30	180	14,460
Number of families	2,540	3,440	1,380	690	920	200	20	140	9,320

Source: Department of Education administrative data.

* Note: As children/families may use child care in more than one state/territory in any particular quarter and due to rounding, the sum of component parts may not equal the total.