Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

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Senator Fifield asked:

What has FaHCSIA done to rectify any situations of unmet demand for federally funded ADE places that it is aware of?

Answer:

In 2008 FaHCSIA released 278 new funded places in areas of high demand. At present 96 per cent of funded places at Australian Disability Enterprises are being utilised. FaHCSIA works closely with Australian Disability Enterprises to ensure funded places are used optimally and monitors usage regularly. In recent years FaHCSIA has increased flexibility for Australian Disability Enterprises to move their funded places between their individual outlets so that they can better address unmet need as well as their changing business requirements.