

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.3 – Assistance for quality teaching and learning

#### **DEST Question No. E867\_05**

Senator Allison asked on 16 February, 2005, EWRE Hansard page 93.

#### **Question:**

Do we have the data? Is the figure of 80 per cent for four-year-old children in child care not receiving preschool education realistic? Do you know of any other work which would suggest it is not?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Preschool Education*

The Department of Education, Science and Training is not aware of any data collection that provides information on the proportion of children in child care who receive a preschool education. The Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2005 estimates that 'in 2003-04 83.7 per cent of children of 4 years of age attended funded and/or provided preschool in the year immediately before they commenced school'.