

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

**Outcome**            1

**DEEWR Question No. EW1118\_09**

Senator Hanson-Young asked on 25 February 2009, EEWHR Hansard page 45.

**Question**

*Cost of child care*

Does the Department keep any record of the average cost of child care in the different states and different regions?

**Answer**

The Department collects fee information via the mychild.gov.au website. This information is supplied voluntarily by child care providers, and is available to the public via the searchable database on the website.

The Department has undertaken analysis of the fee information provided by services. Table 1 contains the average reported daily fee for each state and territory, by remoteness classification. These fees were current as at July 31 2008.

**Table 1: Average Long Day Care Daily fees, by State and Territory, and Remoteness Category – July 2008.**

State/Territory	Major Cities of Australia	Inner Regional Australia	Outer Regional Australia	Remote Australia	Very Remote Australia	State/Territory Average
<b>NSW</b>	\$61.87	\$55.93	\$52.80	\$47.40	-	\$60.36
<b>VIC</b>	\$66.78	\$59.92	\$58.59	-	-	\$65.25
<b>QLD</b>	\$58.26	\$57.07	\$56.22	\$56.20	\$44.28	\$57.50
<b>SA</b>	\$60.15	\$56.91	\$55.29	\$53.90	\$39.00	\$59.14
<b>WA</b>	\$62.31	\$59.29	\$57.51	\$65.15	\$56.94	\$61.43
<b>TAS</b>	-	\$57.92	\$51.86	N/A	\$50.00	\$56.15
<b>NT</b>	-	-	\$55.82	\$51.20	\$57.60	\$55.05
<b>ACT</b>	\$67.14	\$57.00	-	-	-	\$66.93
<b>Australia</b>	\$62.27	\$57.31	\$55.62	\$57.21	\$50.99	\$60.68

**Notes:**

The average fees are pre Child Care Benefit and Child Care Tax Rebate.

Analysis is based on those services who provided data for 31 July 2008.

Analysis includes services who revised their 31 July 2008 fees up until 22 December 2008.

Analysis is based on average fees for all age groups.

The fees reported by some Long Day Care services may include additional provisions e.g. nappies, education programs, food.

1 = Australian Bureau of Statistics, Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) 2006