

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood**

**DEEWR Question No.EW1011\_10**

**Senator Collins asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 74.**

**Question**

***WHAT IS THE STATE BY STATE BREAKDOWN OF NUMBERS OF CHILDREN USING APPROVED CARE SERVICES SINCE THE CHANGE IN THE REBATE LEVEL?***

Senator PAYNE—No, no. Thank you, Ms Shugg. You said that you did not have a state-by-state breakdown?

Ms Shugg—No, I do not.

Senator PAYNE—Could you take that question on notice, as well as Senator Collins's question?

[up-to-date figures relating to numbers in the childcare system, particularly since the change in the rebate levels....state by state]

**Answer**

The Australian Government provides the Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate to help parents with the cost of approved child care.

From 1 July 2008, the Child Care Rebate increased from 30 per cent to 50 per cent of all approved out-of-pocket child care costs up to a maximum of \$7,778 per child.

ABS data shows that this increase helped to reduce the net costs of child care to parents by more than 20 per cent in the June to September quarter 2008.

The following tables detail the state-by-state breakdown of numbers of children using approved child care services in June quarter 2008 (pre-Child Care Rebate changes) and September quarter 2009 (post Child Care Rebate changes).

**Number of children using approved child care by service type and state/territory, June quarter 2008**

Service type	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Long day care	158,795	99,750	138,198	33,787	42,541	10,579	3,721	8,087	494,270
Family day care & In-home care	36,083	23,147	21,186	8,590	6,498	5,048	869	1,617	102,982
Occasional care	2,907	2,655	1,171	166	908	204	3	249	8,262
Outside school hours care	64,321	62,737	64,677	30,931	14,169	6,749	2,869	5,425	251,733
<i>After/Before school hours care</i>	52,323	55,944	53,369	26,268	9,859	5,327	2,236	5,007	210,242
<i>Vacation care</i>	29,539	17,912	37,906	16,226	9,278	3,795	1,944	1,545	118,112
<b>Total children using approved child care</b>	<b>253,752</b>	<b>183,283</b>	<b>218,709</b>	<b>70,523</b>	<b>62,012</b>	<b>21,347</b>	<b>7,300</b>	<b>15,057</b>	<b>830,334</b>

**Number of children using approved child care by service type and state/territory, September quarter 2009**

Service type	NSW	Vic.	Qld.	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Australia
Long day care	175,613	109,938	144,311	34,071	43,225	10,700	4,082	9,052	530,028
Family day care & In-home care	36,330	25,159	22,768	8,434	6,628	5,122	775	1,468	106,638
Occasional care	2,827	2,702	1,121	140	878	222	7	220	8,117
Outside school hours care	67,074	62,819	63,495	30,405	14,633	6,808	2,656	5,992	253,762
<i>After/Before school hours care</i>	54,949	52,814	52,492	24,923	9,860	5,455	2,193	5,444	208,096
<i>Vacation care</i>	32,365	25,766	40,039	18,763	10,750	3,730	1,759	2,144	135,260
<b>Total children using approved child care</b>	<b>273,517</b>	<b>195,290</b>	<b>224,939</b>	<b>70,243</b>	<b>63,131</b>	<b>21,670</b>	<b>7,356</b>	<b>16,363</b>	<b>871,107</b>

Notes:

1. As children may use care in more than one state/territory, the sum over all states/territories may not equal the Australia total.
2. As children may use care in more than one service type, the sum of the component parts may not equal the 'Total'.
3. The 'Total' row is a unique count of children in child care.
4. Family day care & in-home care, is a unique count and includes children who use either or both of these types of care. Therefore the number of children in family day care & in-home care will not equal the disaggregated numbers provided in response to EW1010\_10.