

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Back asked on 24/02/2011, Hansard page 19.

Question

***NUMBER OF NEIGHBOURHOOD OCCASIONAL CARE CENTRES WITH
FUNDING CUTS BY STATE***

Senator BACK—That is what I would like to go to. Perhaps you could provide the committee on notice with the number of childcare centres that have been affected on a state-by-state basis. Can you confirm for Western Australia that the number is 23 whose funding has been cut under the scheme.

Answer

The Australian Government's funding contribution to State Governments for the Neighbourhood Model Occasional Care Program ceased from 1 July 2010. The Australian Government did not have a direct funding relationship with Neighbourhood Model Occasional Care services.

State	Number of services in receipt of Commonwealth funds in 2009-10
New South Wales	NIL
Queensland	39
Victoria	229
Western Australia	28
South Australia	86
Tasmania	7
Total	389

These services have either transitioned to Child Care Benefit approved Long Day Care, are receiving State Government funding until at least 30 June 2011 or are identifying scope within existing funding to ensure families continue to have access to care.