

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

DEEWR Question No.EW0794_11

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT IHC IS A CAPPED CHILD CARE SERVICE?

1. Can you confirm that IHC is a capped child care service? 2. Has the cap been reviewed since the programme was introduced? If so, when was the last review? 3. What was the total cost of IHC for the last financial year? 4. What was the total number of places released under this scheme as at 31 November 2006 (Given that one place equates to 35 hours of care per week otherwise known in the industry as (EFT's)? 5. How many places are currently allocated to operational services and available for use by Australian families?

Answer

1. Can you confirm that IHC is a capped child care service?

Yes.

2. Has the cap been reviewed since the programme was introduced? If so, when was the last review?

Yes. In 2007.

3. What was the total cost of IHC for the last financial year?

Total cost of In Home Care under the Community Support Program for last financial year was \$5.143 million.

4. What was the total number of places released under this scheme as at 31 November 2006 (Given that one place equates to 35 hours of care per week otherwise known in the industry as EFT's)?

As at 31 November 2006, there were a total of 4325 places.

5. How many places are currently allocated to operational services and available for use by Australian families?

There are currently a total number of 4793 places allocated to services.