

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

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Question

NUMBERS OF VACANCIES AND CARERS IN FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEMES

Ms Hosking—I think we could potentially provide, but we might need to take it on notice, is the number of carers working for each scheme. Senator NASH—That would be useful. Ms Hosking—We do not say, ‘This particular carer has this number of vacancies,’ but we could give you the number of vacancies in the scheme and the number of carers in a scheme. Senator NASH—That would be really useful. Thanks, that would be great. Ms Paul—I imagine we have got the number of children. Ms Hosking—Yes, that is right. Ms Paul—The number of individual carers, the number of children and then the vacancy globally will give you the picture that you are after. Senator NASH—Yes, that would be very useful. Thanks.

Answer

In the June quarter 2010 (latest available data), there were 317 approved family day care schemes operating in Australia.

Data on the number of individual carers in each scheme is not available. The 2011 Report on Government Services contains an estimate of the number of Carers working in Family Day Care and In Home Care by state (see Table 1).

Table 1: Family Day and In Home Care Carers in Australian Government approved child care services

	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Tas</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust</i>
Family day Care and In home care Carers	4,216	2,850	3,123	645	734	488	278	140	12,475

Note: There may be double counting of staff where staff work in more than one service.

Source: DEEWR (unpublished) National Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census, 2010 (preliminary weighted data).

Table 2 shows aggregated vacancy information for the 242 family day care services that provided vacancy information during the September quarter 2010.

Table 2: Family day care schemes by average number daily vacancies

	<i>5 or less</i>	<i>6-10</i>	<i>11-20</i>	<i>21-50</i>	<i>More than 50</i>
Number of reporting FDC schemes	80	37	42	57	26
Proportion of reporting FDC schemes	33.1%	15.3%	17.4%	23.6%	10.7%

Source: Child Care Vacancies quarterly snapshot – September Quarter 2010, unpublished data.