

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Senator Mason asked on 16 February 2012, Hansard page 21

Question

Indigenous Early Childhood education centres

Senator MASON: I have dropped back down to 76th! Ms Taylor, how many sites have been identified and agreed to in addition to the 33 out of 38 already?

Ms Taylor: Thirty-three physical sites have been identified in consultation with communities. The remaining five sites, which are Mackay, Logan and Rockhampton in Queensland, Roebourne in WA and Swan Region in WA will be identified. Their timing according to the state governments was they were not due to be identified yet. I will take that on notice and get an exact date from their implementation plans, but they will be identified shortly.

Answer

As at 16 February 2012 based on the most recent information provided by the jurisdictions the remaining five (5) sites to be identified and agreed is as follows.

Site	State	Comment
Mackay	QLD	Identified and agreed
Logan	QLD	Identified and agreed
Rockhampton	QLD	Identified and agreed
Roebourne	WA	Subject to community consultation which is scheduled to be completed in time to allow construction to commence by December 2012. ¹
Swan Region	WA	Subject to community consultation which is scheduled to be completed in time to allow construction to commence by December 2012. ¹

¹ Implementation Plans for the Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership do not include a milestone for the agreement on site selection.