

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

Question

Closing the Gap report

What data has the Prime Minister used in determining that the access to early childhood Closing the Gap target has been 90% achieved, as set out in the Closing the Gap report released last week.

Answer

The Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood on 3 August 2012 acknowledged a paper from states and territories showing progress towards achieving the target when it falls due. As reflected in the Standing Council communiqué, 2011 Australian Bureau of Statistics' estimates showed 90 per cent of remote Indigenous children were enrolled in a preschool program at that time.