

**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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Question

Cost of Survey

Senator NASH: What is the cost of doing a survey? Ms Taylor: It is \$1.286 million, I am informed. Senator NASH: Thank you very much for the diligence. How many people does the survey go to? Ms Taylor: The entire sector, so it covers long day care, family day care, outside-school-hours care, vacation care—so all of the care types. Senator NASH: A ballpark figure of how many, if you can add all of that up for me? Ms Taylor: It would go to all 14,000 services, and I can take on notice the number of staff that they would go to, but it covers all of the services, and there are approximately 14,200 approved services.

Answer

The details of the 2013 Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census are currently being finalised. It is anticipated that the Census will be sent to approximately 15 500 Child Care Benefit approved child care services, and approximately 5000 preschools. The staff survey is open to all staff at these services. It is estimated that more than 140 000 staff will have the opportunity to complete the staff survey.