

**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**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0962\_13**

**Senator Nash asked on 14 February 2013, Hansard page 16**

**Question**

**TAFE fee waiver places**

Senator NASH: The TAFE fee waiver places, have many childcare workers accessed those? Mr De Silva: There has actually been a large sort of increase. I do not have the exact figures. It was estimated that we wanted them to grow by 8000. Preliminary data on that shows that we have exceeded that. So the take-up of that has actually been very good. Senator NASH: All right. If you would not mind taking on notice the exact figure for me, that would be helpful. Mr De Silva: That is fine.

**Answer**

Data provided by the National Centre for Vocational Education and Research Ltd (VET Provider Collection, Courses 2002 – 2011, revised August 2012, NCVET) show that the number of students enrolled at TAFE and other government funded providers in diploma and advanced diploma children's services qualifications that are eligible for the TAFE Fee Waiver was 9453 in 2008. This increased by 45 per cent to 13 667 in 2011.