

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

Indigenous preschool and child care participation

- a) Moving on to Indigenous pre-school access, do you have any data on how many Indigenous children are currently enrolled for the 15 hours?
- b) How many Indigenous children in total attend childcare services? Do you have that figure now?
- c) What is the average number of hours Indigenous children attend pre-school or kindergarten?

Answer

- a) Not available.
- b) The National Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census 2010 indicates 11 307 Indigenous children attended a child care service during the reference week.
- c) Data collected for the 2012 National Early Childhood Education and Care Collection (*ABS Preschool Education Australia 2012*) indicates Indigenous children aged 4 and 5 attended preschool for an average of 12.9 hours a week at that time.