

**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 Childcare Centres

Senator NASH: Is there a standard amount of hours that they are open? Ms Taylor: I will take that on notice. Because of the links with community and the number of services that are delivered—so it is not just about childcare; it is a whole children-and-families centre—it would be up to the community, I would think, but I will take that on notice.

Answer

It is not a requirement that Children and Family Centres open for a standard amount of hours. Children and Family Centres have the flexibility to tailor their opening hours to meet the needs of their individual communities.