

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Question

Participation rates of vulnerable disadvantaged and Indigenous children to at least 15 hours of preschool

Senator TILLEM: Can I also get the department to provide data on the participation rates of vulnerable disadvantaged and Indigenous children to at least 15 hours of preschool? Mr De Silva: We can take that one on notice too.

Answer

The table below shows the proportion of Indigenous children who are enrolled in a preschool programme for at least 15 hours per week^a

NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	TAS	NT	ACT	TOTAL
53%	100%	77%	100%	100%	100%	83%	100%	80%

a) Derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) publication Preschool Education Australia, 2013 (cat. no. 4240.0); and ABS population statistics based on the 2006 Population Census. As proportions are calculated using two different sources of data, in some cases this may result in estimates greater than 100% of the population. Where this has occurred, figures have been capped to 100%.

Participation rates of disadvantaged children are not currently available as population data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics that is used to derive rates by Socio Economic Index For Areas (SEIFA) has not been released.