

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 1

DEEWR Question No. EW692_09

Senator Fisher asked on 4 June 2008, EEWHR Hansard page 108.

Question

Publicly available surveys relating to workforce participation and child care.

Provide a copy of the publicly available surveys around where parents have indicated, particularly with regard to their workforce participation, that the availability, affordability and quality of child care has been a limiting factor in participating in the labour market.

Answer

Information about parental workforce participation and child care choice can be found in the following publicly available documents.

Australian Bureau of Statistics

www.abs.gov.au

Child Care, Australia, June 2005, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat. No. 4402.0, Release date 19 June 2006.

Persons not in the Labour Force because they were Caring for Children, 2005 – 2007, Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat. No. 62200TS0004, Release date 21 April 2008.

Household Income and Labour Dynamics Australia (HILDA) Survey

www.melbourneinstitute.com/hilda/statreport.html

[First Statistical Report of the HILDA Survey](#)

[Second Statistical Report of the HILDA Survey](#)

Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC)

www.aifs.gov.au/growingup/

Baxter, J., Gray, M., Alexander, M., Strazdins, L., & Bittman, M. (2007). [Mothers and fathers with young children: paid employment, caring and wellbeing](#). (Social Policy Research Paper 30). Canberra, ACT: Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Commonwealth of Australia

Blakemore, T. (2007, 3-4 December). [Profiling child care arrangements and outcomes over time: Analysis of three waves of data from "Growing up in Australia" LSAC](#). Inaugural Longitudinal Study of Australian Children Conference, Melbourne, Australia.