

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0113\_11**

**Senator Payne provided in writing.**

**Question**

**CHILD CARE HOURS- BEYOND NORMAL HOURS**

What are the vacancy rates for centres that go beyond the normal/common hours?

**Answer**

*Child Care Hours – Beyond Normal Hours*

The following table contains the vacancy information for those Child Care Benefit approved services that provided non-standard hours of care as defined in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services (RoGS).

**Child Care Vacancies – services with non-standard hours of care**

<b>Service Type (a)</b>	<b>Number of Services with Non Standard Hours(b)</b>	<b>Proportion of services reporting</b>	<b>Proportion with vacancies</b>	<b>Average number of vacancies</b>
Long day care	5,325	74%	91%	59,900
Family day care	68	54%	97%	1,310
Occasional care	13	77%	90%	110
Outside school hours care	1,628	71%	90%	22,220
Vacation care	1,394	49%	90%	12,550

Source: DEEWR administrative data, *Child Care Vacancies – Quarterly Snapshot* March quarter 2010 – unpublished data. Week ending 22 January for Vacation Care, week ending 19 March for all other service types.

(a) Vacancy information is not collected for In home care.

(b) Total number of services offering non-standard hours of care, December quarter 2009.