

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

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Mason asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 36.

Question

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Senator MASON—I love the national partnerships program. Thank you.
Ms Hosking—I said before that 150 of the 1,280 places under the HECS-HELP program were in regional universities. In fact that was 150 out of the first 500 places. We just need to take on notice how many of the additional places there are. I apologise for that. Senator PAYNE—Thank you. If you are doing that, would you mind indicating which regional universities those places are? Ms Hosking—Yes.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has provided the following response.

The allocation of early childhood education commencing places in 2009, 2010 and 2011 for universities' regional campuses is shown below in Tables A and B.

Table A

Allocation of Commonwealth supported early childhood education commencing places: 2009, 2010, 2011*	2009	2010	2011
Total number of places allocated	500	500	280
Number of places allocated to regional campuses	150	125	90
Percentage of places allocated to regional campuses	30%	25%	32%
Number of places allocated to non-regional campuses	350	375	190
Percentage of places allocated to non-regional campuses	70%	75%	68%
* as at 18 June 2010			

Table B

Commonwealth supported early childhood education commencing places allocated to regional areas: 2009, 2010, 2011*			
State	Institution	Campus	Number of places allocated
2009 Early Childhood Education Places (500 places)			
NSW	CharlesSturtUniversity	Bathurst/Distance Education	35
	CharlesSturtUniversity Total		35
	Southern CrossUniversity	Lismore	25
	Southern CrossUniversity Total		25
	University of Wollongong	Wollongong	35
	University of Wollongong Total		35
NSW Total			95
NT	Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	Batchelor	15
	Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Total		15
	CharlesDarwinUniversity	Casuarina/Alice Springs/ Flexible	10
		Casuarina/Alice Springs/Flexible	5
	CharlesDarwinUniversity Total		15
NT Total			30
VIC	DeakinUniversity	Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds	5
	DeakinUniversity Total		5
	University of Ballarat	Mt Helen	20
	University of Ballarat Total		20
VIC Total			25
2009 Early Childhood Education Places (500) Regional			150
2010 Early Childhood Education Places (500)			
NSW	CharlesSturtUniversity	Albury	8
		Bathurst	23
		Dubbo	4
	CharlesSturtUniversity Total		35
	University of Wollongong	Wollongong	30
University of Wollongong Total		30	
NSW Total			65
NT	CharlesDarwinUniversity	Casuarina	50
	CharlesDarwinUniversity Total		50
NT Total			50
VIC	DeakinUniversity	Geelong Campus at Waurin Ponds	10
	DeakinUniversity Total		10
VIC Total			10
2010 Early Childhood Education Places (500) Total Regional			125

Table B (cont)			
2011 Early Childhood Education Places (280)			
QLD	University of the SunshineCoast	Sippy Downs	60
	University of the SunshineCoast Total		60
QLD Total			60
VIC	La TrobeUniversity	Bendigo	30
	La TrobeUniversity Total		30
VIC Total			30
2011 Early Childhood Education Places (280) Regional			90
National Total Regional places over three years			365
* as at 2 June 2010			