

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0161\_12**

**Senator Humphries provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Child Care Benefit***

1. How many ACT and Australian parents have children in full time care?
2. How many ACT families receive Child Care Benefit?
3. How many ACT families have children in care and do not receive Child Care Benefit?

**Answer**

1. In a typical week in the September quarter 2010, 2,320 families had children in full-time approved child care across all service types in the ACT, and 66,920 families had children in full-time approved child care across Australia.
2. In the same reference week in the September quarter 2010, 5,915 families who used approved child care services in the ACT on either a full-time or part-time basis received a Child Care Benefit payment.
3. For the same reference week 5,724 families who used approved child care services in the ACT did not receive a Child Care Benefit payment. If families are eligible for the Child Care Benefit, but their entitlement is zero due to their income they may still be eligible for the Child Care Rebate. Families who satisfy the work/training/study test requirements may be entitled to receive the Child Care Rebate for 50 per cent of all out-of-pocket costs up to the annual cap.