

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Senator Nash asked on 30 May 2012 , Hansard page 40

Question

Children in care for more than 35 hours a week

Senator NASH: I probably was not very clear there. Please provide on notice figures on how many children were in care for more than 35 hours a week. Of those in care for more than 35 hours a week, how many were at long day care and how many were at family day care? Ms Taylor: Certainly. We will do the breakdown on that.

Answer

Of the 963,870 children using approved child care services in the June quarter 2011, 25.3 per cent (244,130 children) attended child care for 35 hours or more per week. Most of the children attending for 35 hours or more per week were in Long day care (73.3% or 178,830 children), and one in ten (10.4% or 25,280 children) were using Family day care services.