

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Family Day Carers

Senator NASH: Do you have any figures on the family day carers who have the certificate III level qualifications to date? Ms Taylor: Not with me, but I am happy to take that on notice and see if we can get that for you. Senator NASH: That would be good. Obviously, you may not have some of this. If you could just take it on notice as you can, that would be very useful. Would you know how many new family day carer licences have been granted in the last 12 months?

Answer

The 2010 Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census collected qualification information at the combined Certificate III and Certificate IV level. Data from this survey found that 4,319 Family Day Care carers had a Certificate III or Certificate IV in an Early Childhood Education and Care related qualification.

Family Day Care licences are issued by State and Territory regulatory authorities. In the last 12 months the Department has approved 50 new Family Day Care services to administer Child Care Benefit on behalf of families.