

**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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Question

Family Day Carer

Senator BILYK: Within that scheme? Senator NASH: No, the actual family day carer people who offer family day care—the providers. Mr Kimber: I am not sure whether we would have accessibility to that. Our relationship in terms of paying CCB is through the hub. Ms Taylor: If there is an increased number of hubs, rather than an increased number of family day carers— Senator NASH: So you can provide the increased hubs but not necessarily the family day carers. Mr Kimber: That is right, yes. Senator NASH: How would I find that out? Could you take on notice the question about the hubs, too? Ms Taylor: I will take that on notice. It would probably need to go through the information collected from the providers. I am not sure that that is collected. But we will take it on notice and see if we can find out for you, Senator. Mr Kimber: We might also, through Family Day Care or somewhere like that, be able to source some information. I cannot guarantee that.

Answer

Data from the 2010 Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census indicated there were 12,733 Family Day Care carers.

In the last 12 months the Department has approved 50 new Family Day Care services to administer Child Care Benefit on behalf of families.