

**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**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0351\_13**

**Senator Edwards asked on 30 May 2012, Hansard page 52**

**Question**

***Child Care Benefit and Rebate***

Senator EDWARDS: I am not really interested in that. Have there been any regions where the take-up has been less by virtue of that program? You have obviously seen some hits and things like that. Is there a specific region around Australia which is not picking up on this? Is there a glaring example? Ms Taylor: Not that we have been able to identify. It is difficult to tell in some ways with hits on a website about where those people are. But we can certainly take on notice to look at whether there is any way of identifying whether there has been a lower take-up than across the average, particularly in regional areas.

**Answer**

No single specific region around Australia has been identified in this regard.

Families are encouraged to take up the Child Care Rebate assistance that is available, wherever they may live.