SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 2ND NOVEMBER 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question:
Senator Siewert asked at *Hansard* page 100:

Do you have any further figures that show how many children are being cared for under the family care scenario?

Answer:

According to the ABS Family Characteristics Australia 2003 survey, there were 52,100 children aged 0-17 in 38,800 families, who were not the natural child of at least one parent in that family. Of these children, 31,100 were a grandchild, 4,200 were a step child, 5,800 were a foster child, and 10,600 were otherwise related.