

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Nash asked on 21/10/2010, Hansard page 18.

Question

PROVIDE THE NUMBERS OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY DAY CARE OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Senator NASH—Thanks. Do you have—and I am very happy for you to take this on notice—the relative figures for family day care over the last five years, just to get an idea of the trend in family day care over that time? Mr Manthorpe—Certainly.

Answer

The following table provides the number of children each March quarter from 2006 to 2010.

Number of children using Family Day Care, Marchquarter 2006 to March quarter 2010

Quarter	Number of children using family day care	Total children using approved child care	Children using family day care as per cent of total children
March 2006	109,950	785,920	14%
March 2007	104,490	801,030	13%
March 2008	104,470	844,310	12%
March 2009	99,420	834,100	12%
March 2010	103,630	879,050	12%

Source: DEEWR administrative data

Note: March quarter data is the most current available trend data spanning five years.