

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0632\_11**

**Senator Nash asked on 21/10/2010, Hansard page 19.**

**Question**

**HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE ENROLLED IN THE SIX AUTISM SPECIFIC EARLY LEARNING AND CARE CENTRES? IS THERE A STANDARD NUMBER FOR EACH CENTRE?**

Senator NASH—How many children are enrolled—specifically in the six autism centres to start with. Is there a standard number for each centre? Mr Johnson—Broadly, when the expression of interest called for components to construct and operate the centre, the objective was to create centres for about 50 children. Each of the centres has variations to reflect the actual nature of the particular service. I can run through each of these specific six centres, if you are interested in the particulars. Senator NASH—Actually if you could provide that on notice it would save the committee some time...

**Answer**

Prospective funding recipients for the mainstream Early Learning and Care Centres were advised that it was expected that each centre would provide an average of 50 additional child care places. The Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres were expected to deliver a minimum of 20 additional places.

The number of children enrolled in the six Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres is in the table below.

<b>Name of centre</b>	<b>Additional enrolments*</b>
KU Marcia Burgess Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre (Sydney)	38
The Queensland Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre (Brisbane)	34
The La Trobe University Margot Prior Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre (Melbourne)	34
The Daphne Street Childcare and Specialist Learning Centre (Adelaide)	44
The Autism Association (WA) Jellybeans Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre (Perth)	24
The Alexander Beetle House Childcare and Specialist Early Learning Centre (North-West Tasmania)	24

\* As at 31 December 2010