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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Question

HOW MANY CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES WILL BEGIN DELIVERING SERVICES FROM INTERIM PREMISES?

Senator MASON—In terms of access, I think I am right. So we have 12 centres to be opened by 1 July next year. At the moment, we have just one where there has been a commencement of building; no others. And we have to have, in a sense, 11 more built from scratch in the next 11 months—that is right? Senator MASON—How many of those are there? Ms Hosking—How many? Senator MASON—Yes—how many are forecast to be servicing Aboriginal people from interim centres? Ms Hosking—Of the 12? Senator MASON—Yes. Ms Hosking—I think I might need to take that one on notice.

Answer

DEEWR has provided the following response:

State and territory governments have advised that, of the 12 Children and Family Centresexpected to become operational in 2010-2011, 10 will provide services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from interim premises.