

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0858\_12

**Senator Back asked on 20 October 2011 , Hansard page 107**

**Question**

**Current Vacancy Rate**

Senator Back: As part of that, would you also provide the information to us on the current vacancy rate based on that data, please? Ms Taylor: Certainly. across all care types? Senator Back: Thank you.

**Answer**

The most recent aggregate vacancy figures are available in the *Child Care Vacancies Quarterly Snapshot – March quarter 2011*. The publication indicates that, for those services that reported vacancy during the reference week:

- 90 per cent of long day care services had at least one vacancy, with an average of 65,640 vacancies per day;
- 85 per cent of out of school hours care services had at least one vacancy, with an average of 59,600 vacancies per day;
- 94 per cent of family day care services had at least one vacancy, with an average of 7,100 vacancies per day;
- 59 per cent of occasional care services had at least one vacancy, with an average of 180 vacancies per day; and
- 67 per cent of vacation care services had at least one vacancy, with an average of 17,330 vacancies per day.