

**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. EW0859\_12**

**Senator Back asked on 20 October 2011, Hansard page 108**

**Question**

**Average Size of the 332 Approved Family Day Care Centres**

Senator BACK: They were saying 7,100 family day care vacancies every day across 332 approved facilities. It would be interesting to know what the average size of those family day care centres is.

Mr Kimber: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator BACK: Thank you.

**Answer**

The 332 FDC schemes across Australia provided care to 102,770 children in the December quarter 2010. This is an average of approximately 310 children per scheme.

The 2010 Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census found that in May 2010 there were 12,252 carers working in Family Day Care. This is an average of approximately 37 carers per scheme.