

**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

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Question

Long Day Care

Senator BACK: Would you have the break-up of children under the age of two years and under the age of six months, or is that something you would have to provide to us on notice? Ms Taylor: I will take that on notice. Senator BACK: And would you be able to tell us the average number of hours that a child spends in long day care? If you are able to do it based on those two age groups—under the age of two and under the age of six months—in a typical week, that would be good. Ms Taylor: Certainly.

Answer

In the December quarter 2010, there were 78,470 children aged less than 2 years using Long Day Care services across Australia. Of these children, 920 were aged less than 6 months.

In the December quarter 2010, children aged less than 2 years used Long Day Care services for an average of 26 hours per week. Children aged less than 6 months used Long Day Care services for an average of 24 hours per week.