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

Ownership of Long Day Care Centres

Senator BACK: Is there a high incidence of change in ownership of long day care centres, or is it stable? Ms Caldwell: It is largely stable. There are always some changes in the market. Senator BACK: They would have to report those to you, wouldn't they? Ms Caldwell: That is correct. Senator BACK: So it would be good to know that figure for the last financial year, if you could provide it.

Answer

Departmental records indicate that there were 5587 long day care centres at the beginning of the 2010-11 financial year. 414 notified a change in ownership during the 2010-11 financial year and 836 during 2009-10.