

**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

Departmental Staff Working on Finalising the Regulations

Senator BACK: How many people in the department are or have been working on finalising the regulations? Ms Taylor: It is under a national partnership with the states and territories as well, so there have been people within our department working on it but there have also been people in every state and territory jurisdiction working on developing the national regulations. Victoria has had the lead on drafting the legislation and the regulations, so there is quite a considerable effort going in there. There have been various working groups of the Early Childhood Development Working Group, which represents all states and territories in the Commonwealth, working on it too. If you want the numbers of staff within the department, I can get that for you. Senator BACK: Based on that, it would be a guesstimate. Ms Taylor: Yes. I will take that question on notice.

Answer

The following number of departmental staff has worked on finalising the National Regulations as their primary work in each of the following financial years:

2010/11	2011/12
11	6

The National Regulations have been developed and finalised in cooperation with staff in every State and Territory who are members of the Early Childhood Development Working Group of the Ministerial Council Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs and its Legislation Project Group.