

**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

Reports about the industry being in turmoil with 15,000 leaving the profession each year

Ms Taylor: I am aware of the report that came out of the Lismore summit, but does not match with the data we have from the survey of the numbers who are leaving the sector so I would not agree that there are large numbers leaving the sector. In relation to a workforce strategy— Senator BACK: Before you go on, is the survey publicly available, or can it be made available to the committee? Ms Taylor: Yes, Senator.

Answer

Yes. The 2010 National Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census is publicly available. The Census and supporting documents can be found on the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' website at the following link
<http://www.deewr.gov.au/earlychildhood/pages/nationalworkforcecensus.aspx> .