

**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

Child Care Educators in Indigenous Communities

Senator BACK: So as close as that. I wonder if you could also tell us—if not now then on notice—the number of childcare educators in Indigenous communities who have got either certificate III or degree qualifications in early childhood. Is that information that we could get? Ms Taylor: I can take it on notice but I am not sure that we would have that information.

Answer

2010-11 data is available for 92 centre-based Indigenous focused early childhood education and care services funded under the Australian Government's Budget Based Funded (BBF) Program and includes Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Services (MACS), Flexible/Innovative Child Care Services and Crèches. This information is shown in the table below.

Number of Certificate III or degree qualified educators in 92 centre-based Indigenous focused BBF services (2010/11 financial year data)¹

Certificate III	Degree or higher	Other (Certificate IV or Diploma)	Unqualified (including Cert I and II)	Total Staff
207	54	212	176	649

Notes

1. Data for centre-based Indigenous focused BBF services are drawn from DEEWR administrative data for the 2010/11 financial year.