

**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

Wadeye Outside School Hours Care Project

Senator BACK: Also, do you have the number of children currently attending the Wadeye outside school hours care project, which is funded by the federal government? Ms Hosking: We do not have it for the outside school hours care project. We do have it in relation to the integrated centre there. Senator BACK: Is it that you do not have it and someone else does? Ms Hosking: We do have it and we can provide it on notice. Senator BACK: Good, and at the same time if you would provide us with the number of staff in and the number of enrolments currently for Indigenous childcare centres.

Answer

DEEWR does not fund an outside school hours care program in Wadeye. DEEWR does fund a vacation care program. In late 2010, Wadeye Vacation Care Program reported to the Department that an average of 98 children was attending the vacation care program each day.

The latest available service reports for 2010-2011 indicate that just over 7000 children attended Indigenous focussed early childhood and out of school hours care services funded under the Indigenous focussed Budget Based Funding program.

At 30 June 2010, 1080 staff were reported as working in Indigenous focussed early childhood and out of school hours care services.