

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 1 – Early Childhood, Working Age and Indigenous Participation

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Question

Long Day Care

Senator NASH: Thanks. Have you been advised of many changes of ownership? Obviously that happens as a process. When there is a change ownership, are you advised of that? Have there been many of those in the last 12 months? Ms Taylor: I will take that on notice. I do not have that with me. Senator NASH: Have many centres closed in the last 12 months? Ms Taylor: Again, I will take that on notice. Senator NASH: And out of any that have closed in the last 12 months, how many of those were community based? Ms Taylor: Yes, certainly.

Answer

Services that have changed ownership or closed.

In the 12 months from October 2011 to September 2012 there were 773 services that advised the Department they were closing or changing ownership and 1716 services that opened. Details are in **Table A** below.

Community Based Services that have closed.

The data collected on services does not identify whether they are 'community based' organisations. Rather the data classifies services as 'Not for Profit' or 'For Profit'. Details of changes of ownership and closures from October 2011 to September 2012 broken down by 'Not for Profit' or 'For Profit' is provided in **Table A** below.

Table A: Number of child care services (all types) opened & closed (Oct 11-Sept 12).

Openings and Closures	Not for Profit	For Profit	Not identified as Not for Profit or Profit	Total Number of services
Total Openings	528	1174	14	1716
Total Closures	246	521	6	773
Type of Closure				
- <i>Changed ownership</i>	119	297	1	417
- <i>Closed</i>	60	118	1	179
- <i>Closed no reason identified</i>	67	106	4	177
Net Increase in Services	282	653	8	943