

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0469) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash asked:

In written response to Q SE11/0408 Free child care costs to from July to Sept 2011 was \$5.72 million dollars. What are the eligibility criteria for free child care? Where are these children cared for and by whom? Does the provider have to be a registered provider?

Answer:

To be eligible for free child care, an Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) client must be attending face-to-face tuition.

Free childcare is only available for under school age children.

Child care is arranged by all AMEP providers at centres that meet relevant State/Territory regulations.

Childcare may include:

- accredited licensed long day care services;
- registered occasional care centres;
- registered Family Day Care services;
- registered in-home care; and
- crèches and adjunct childcare which comply with State/Territory childcare guidelines.