



Select Committee on the Early Childhood Education and Care Sector in Victoria

Hearing Date: 25 February 2026

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Outside School Hours Council of Australia

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1. **Melina BATH, p. 72**

Question Asked:

It really is a valuable service. You have got 350,000 families across Australia. Do you have an idea roughly how many are you serve in Victoria? Take it on notice if you need to.

Melinda CROLE: I will take it on notice, I am sorry.

Response:

According to the latest Department of Education data, there are around 100,930 families that enrolled their children in outside school hours care across Victoria in the September 2025 quarter

(<https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/resources/september-quarter-2025-data-tables>)

We are awaiting the publication of the December 25 quarter's report