

Factsheet

Children's services (Chapter 3)

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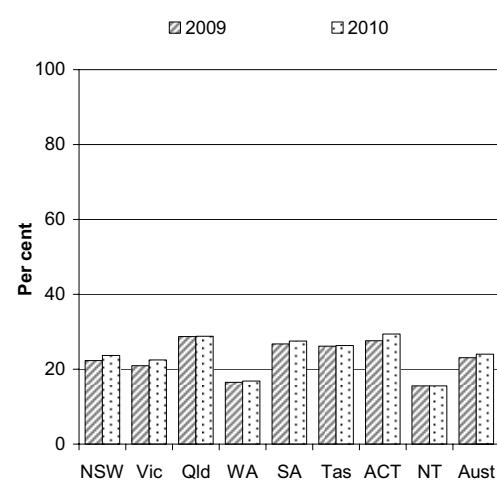
- The focus of this chapter is on government funded and/or provided child care and preschool services for children aged 12 years or younger.
- In the March quarter 2010, 874 335 children aged 12 years or younger attended Australian Government approved child care services. In 2009-10, a further 115 988 children attended State and Territory funded and/or provided child care services and 213 446 children were enrolled in State and Territory funded and/or provided preschool services (p. 3.11).
- Total Australian, State and Territory government expenditure on children's services was approximately \$4.7 billion in 2009-10 (p. 3.9).

Objectives of children's services

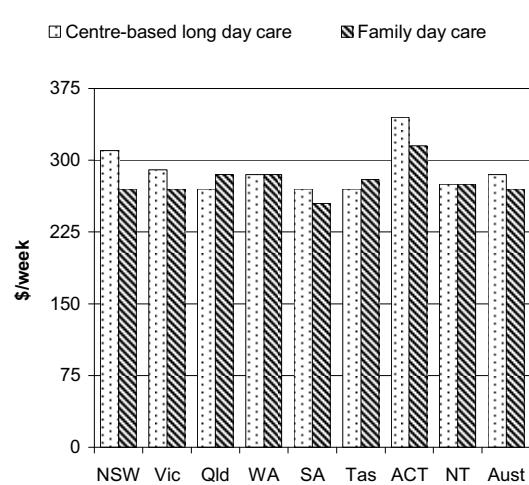
- Children's services aim to:
 - meet the care and education needs of all children in developmentally appropriate ways, in a safe and nurturing environment
 - provide support for families in caring for their children
 - provide these services across a range of settings in an equitable and efficient manner (p. 3.14).

Selection of results

Proportion of children aged 0-12 years using Australian Government approved child care^a (p. 3.26)

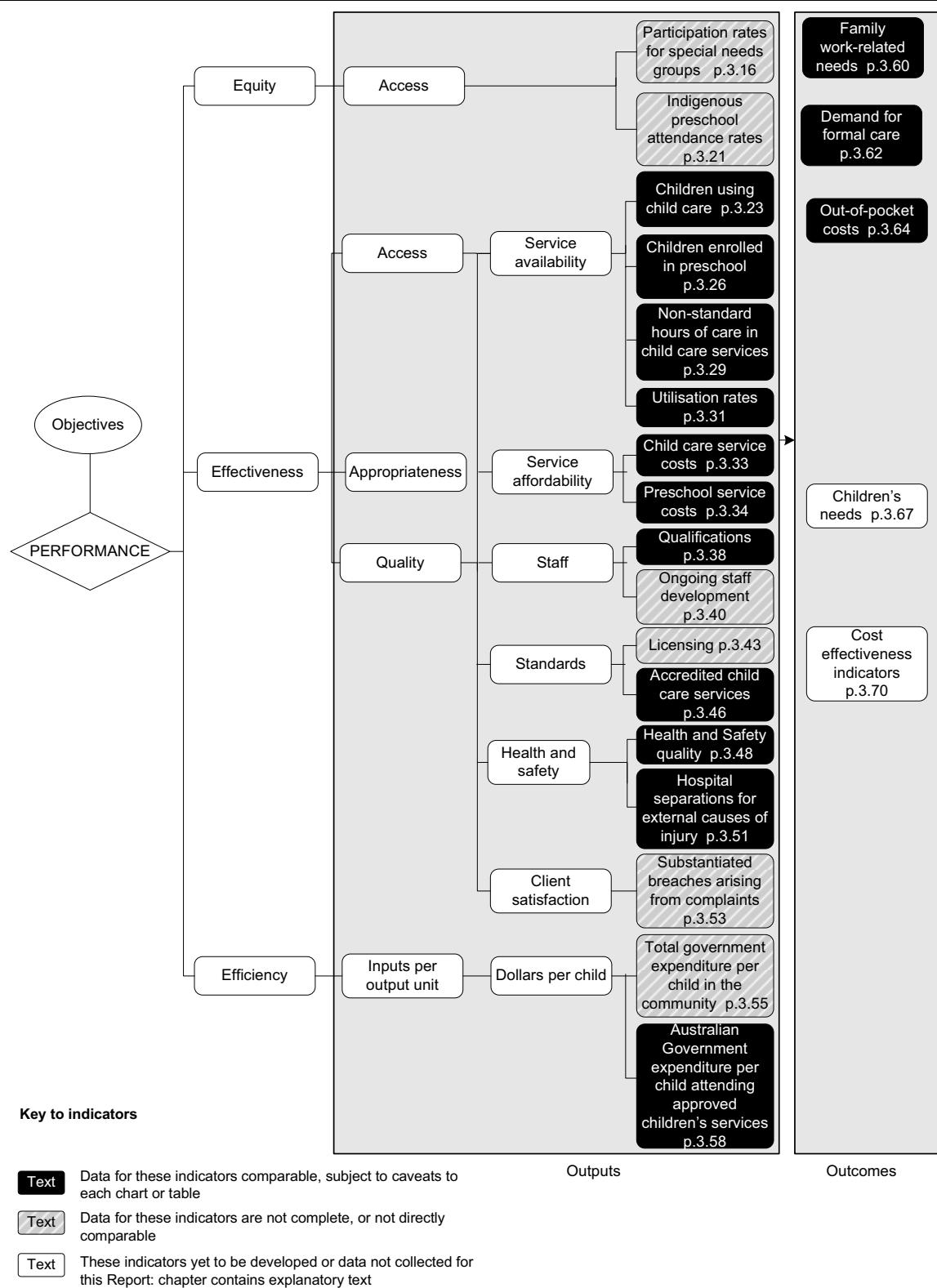


Median cost of Australian Government approved child care services, 2010 (\$/week)^a (p. 3.34)



^a Data and caveats for these figures are available electronically from the website for the Review of Government Service Provision (www.pc.gov.au/gsp/reports/rogs/2011). Data may be subject to revision. The most recent data will be available on the Review website.

Performance indicators for Children's services (figure 3.2, p. 3.15)



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Developments in reporting since the 2010 Report

- The major improvements to reporting on children's services this year include:
 - reporting new child care staff tenure data in Australian Government approved child care services sourced from the *National Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Census 2010*
 - updated income levels for reporting out of pocket costs for child care
 - expansion of time series data reporting in some attachment tables
 - inclusion of some data quality information.

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