

Question on Notice

No. 585

Asked on 22 May 2025

THE HON L ENOCH, MEMBER FOR ALGESTER, ASKED THE MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SECURITY, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, AND MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURALISM (HON F SIMPSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap —

Will the Minister advise on the current percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who commenced school in 2025, that are on track in all five domains of the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)?

ANSWER:

The Department of Women, Aboriginal and Torres Islander Partnerships and Women does not have access to data indicating the current percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who commenced school in 2025, that are on track in all five domains of the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The most recent published AEDC data for Queensland is available in the [*Australian Early Development Census 2021 Queensland data report*](#) which indicates that for Queensland, 33.8 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were developmentally on track in all five domains of the AEDC (physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills (school-based), and communication skills and general knowledge). This is compared to 53.2 per cent of non-Indigenous children.

Any questions on unpublished data should be directed to the Minister for Education and the Arts.