

**Media Release: 1200 New In- Home Care Places 20/08/2007**

An additional 1,200 In Home Care (IHC) places are now available for families unable to access existing child care services due to their location or working hours. Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Mal Brough, today announced the new places, which could equate to an additional 5000 children across Australia now having access to child care services in their own home.

"As a flexible form of child care, IHC enables an approved carer to provide care in the child's home and is targeted to parents working shift or non standard hours, or those located in rural or remote regions of Australia, who cannot access existing child care services. In the 2007-2008 Budget, the Howard Government committed an additional \$8 million over four years to the IHC program, targeted at increasing the numbers of carers for families in remote locations" Mr Brough said.

"Services have an incentive to employ carers in remote and very remote locations as they will have access to higher rates of support funding. To receive this extra funding, services now need to have only 20 per cent of their carers in remote locations, reduced from 50 per cent. Families using approved In Home Care are eligible for Australian Government subsidies - Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Tax Rebate.

"The Government is committed to ensuring taxpayer dollars support quality child care. We are working with State and Territory Governments to establish national standards for the IHC program, which will give parents confidence with the level of care provided to their children. By providing these additional child care places, the Howard Government is maintaining its commitment to assisting families access flexible, quality child care," Mr Brough said.

***Attached is a list of the successful services.***

Service name	State / Territory	Number of allocated places
Sydney In Home Care	NSW	60
Illawarra In Home Care Service	NSW	60
Central Coast In Home care	NSW	15
Lismore District Family Day Care Inc	NSW	20
Samaritans In Home Care	NSW	60
Far West In Home Care Service	NSW	20
Alice Springs Family Day Care Inc	NT	100
North Queensland Remote In Home Care	NT	35
Kath Dickson Family Centre Association Inc	QLD	10
East Brisbane In Home Care Service	QLD	30
Charleville Multifunctional Child Care Centre Inc	QLD	65
Murilla Community Centre Inc	QLD	10
Churches of Christ Care	QLD	30
North Queensland Remote In Home Care	QLD	70
Barcoo Family Day Care Scheme In Home Care	QLD	12
Central West Family Day Care	QLD	25
Dial An Angel Adelaide	SA	30
Nanny SA	SA	70
Cradle Coast In Home Care	TAS	25
Mersey Leven Childcare Services	TAS	110
City of Ballarat In Home Care	VIC	30
Abracadabra Brighton Domestic Agencies	VIC	80
Murrindindi In Home Child Care	VIC	10
Grace In Home Care	VIC	3
Susan Rogan Family Care	VIC	25
Bambini Child Care Services Pty Ltd	VIC	40
VPM In Home Care	VIC	15
NSW Family Day Care Association Inc trading as NSW In Home Childcare Services	VIC	10
Kimberley Family Day Care & In Home Care - WA (CCB)	WA	20
City of Cockburn In Home Care	WA	20
Community Vision In Home Care Service	WA	60
Share and Care Community Services Group In Home Care Program	WA	10
Choicein Care	WA	20