

To the Senate Education & Employment Committee,

This email provides a response to a question on notice posed to ACA President Paul Mondo, during his attendance last Wednesday at the Inquiry into the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022.

Paul was asked whether there is any data that provides an indication of the level of existing job vacancies in the early learning (child care) sector.

According to the [Internet Vacancy Index](#) - which is a monthly count of online job advertisements compiled by the National Skills Commission (NSC) - as at September 2022 the data currently shows 7,254 vacancies across the three relevant classifications of child carers (4604), early childhood teachers(2271) and child care managers (379). This data is presented in the attached table, which was sourced from the National Skills Commission.

Kind regards,

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The National Skills Commission has coded vacancies to occupations based on the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of occupations to a 4 digit level. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of occupation coding, it should be noted that there is always some level of coding error, the effect of which can have large impacts at the four digit level. Additionally, four digit data is presented in three month moving average terms, and has not been trended or seasonally adjusted, and is more susceptible to fluctuations from month to month. Care must be taken when using four digit data to draw conclusions about demand for an occupation, as the degree to which occupations advertise online can vary greatly. Data for a small number of occupations have been suppressed, as the data were deemed too unreliable.

















