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Dear Ms Radcliffe,

Thank you for your letter dated 10th March 2017 in regards to questions on notice taken from the hearing on Thursday 9th March for the **Inquiry into the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017**.

Early Childhood Australia had not undertaken any formal analysis or assessment of the relationship between the CDEP and the Activity Test under the proposed Child Care package prior to the Committee Hearing, and a subsequent conversation with the Department of Social Services has indicated that it is unclear, due to the nature of the implementation of the CDEP, exactly how the two activity tests might interact and what the impact on families might be.

It is our understanding that this question was also put to DSS officials at the hearing and that they undertook to review the issue, in discussion with their colleagues at DSS and Prime Minister and Cabinet. Early Childhood Australia hopes that the committee is able to source the information directly from the Department, and will also be interested in further information that is made publicly available.

Yours sincerely,

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