

Dear Committee,

I am writing to raise serious concerns about the Early Years Quality Fund Special Account Bill 2013.

The fund is not equitable or sustainable and it will do nothing to benefit the industry or its employees. Only a small percentage of employees will receive it, and only those who have developed EBA's (and not surprisingly, all of the relevant unions have recently contacted Centre staff to advise this is best achieved through them provided staff become union members. . . .what a surprise ???).

So more than half the employees miss out on the tax payer funded increase and those that get it will only have it for 2 years after which time the funding ends and they are expected to go back to their previous wages (which is absurd).

And employers must sign agreements that no additional costs will be passed onto parents via fee increases, but the fund will not cover the additional costs for superannuation, workers compensation insurance and pay-roll tax. So employers do what. Absorb the costs

In all seriousness, who came up with this idea and why do they still have a job. It's divisive, short-sighted and at a time when the federal government should be reigning in spending, it's economically irresponsible. Or, is the real purpose of this fund (as most people in the industry suspect) . . . to drive up union membership before Labor lose the federal election ??

Regards

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