

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 5

Question No: 157

Topic: After School Hours Care

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

The after school care program has recently been evaluated and the final report is under consideration. The first funding round commenced in 2009 and additional funding was provided in 2010.

- Is further funding being considered for this program?
- If so, how much?
- If not, why not?
- When did the evaluation commence?
- What were the parameters set by the Department for that evaluation?
- When will the report be finished and when will it be made public?

Answer:

The Evaluation of Outside School Hours Care for Teenagers with Disability commenced in November 2010 and was posted on FaHCSIA's website on 22 February 2012. At present the Services and Support for People with Disability appropriation is fully expended.

The Terms of Reference for the Evaluation were:

Terms of Reference 1

To what extent is the OTD Program effective in achieving its intended outcomes?

Terms of Reference 2

To what extent do varying models and approaches to service delivery impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Program?

Terms of Reference 3

To what extent does the relationship (including payments and requirements) between DEEWR childcare programs and OTD support the intended outcomes/objectives of the OTD Program?

Terms of Reference 4

To what extent is risk and performance is being managed through the observation/application of appropriate quality standards, monitoring and reporting?