

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0088_14

Senator Hanson-Young provided in writing.

**Question
Productivity Commission**

Will the commissioners appointed to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning have experience in early childhood learning and care?

Answer

The Productivity Commission has provided the following advice:

The Commission has a well-balanced set of skills and attributes among commissioners and staff so that it can undertake inquiries on a range of matters across the Australian economy and community. As with many other matters the Commission has examined in recent years (including paid parental leave, and the early childhood development workforce), early childhood education and care is a complex mix of social policy, community concerns, and economic and commercial issues. The Commission has deployed a team of appropriate people to do a professional job analysing this mix of issues.