

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. ED0198_14

Senator Ruston asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 76

Question

Wage increases for childcare workers

Senator RUSTON: I would like to go to the Early Years Quality Fund. When was the department first asked to provide advice about the establishment of a fund to provide wage increases for childcare workers? Mr De Silva: We will probably have to take on notice any timing for advice to establish the fund. The original fund was announced on 19 March 2013.

Answer

The Department was first asked to provide advice about the establishment of a fund to provide wage increases for childcare workers in March 2013.