

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0637\_15**

**Senator Lines asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 90**

**Question**

**withdrawal of CSP funding appeal**

Senator LINES: How would a service know that it can appeal? Ms Paul: We would have to go back to the July 2013 advice to services and see what it said. The list we have taken on notice is also the list which arises from the changes made in July 2013. Senator LINES: Have any schools or services been offered a waiver in the past? Ms Wilson: Sorry, a waiver? Senator LINES: Yes, or an exemption—sorry. Ms Wilson: I guess it depends on what period you are talking about. For special circumstances over the history of the program, some probably have been offered them in the past. We would have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

In the past, some child care service operators have been considered under the special circumstances provisions of the Community Support Programme guidelines and the Department of Education has decided to waive or amend eligibility or assessment criteria as a result. A school would not be eligible for Community Support Programme funding unless it was also an approved child care service operator.