

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Outcome 1

DEEWR Question No. EW0998_09

Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Early Childhood Learning Resources

In relation to the publication “Early childhood literacy and numeracy: Building good practice” and associated resources:

Have parents provided feedback at any stage of the development of the resources up to the printing and distribution? If yes, provide details of such feedback; if not, provide reasons for not seeking it.

Answer

Parents provided feedback during the pilot of the draft publication “*Early childhood literacy and numeracy: Building good practice*” and associated resources in late 2005.

The feedback indicated that: 67% of parents felt the *Early Childhood Literacy and Numeracy Cards* helped them think about how everyday experiences could be used to support children’s learning and the language they used with their children.

Parents also indicated that the cards were supportive of family context by: making the everyday important; giving helpful information; valuing parents; expanding the breadth and significance of learning in the home; interlacing everyday concepts and literacy/numeracy concepts; and involving children more.