

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

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

**Department of Education Question No. ED0303\_14**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Accessibility of Child Care Services**

1. Applications to the \$5 million Child Care Accessibility Fund closed on 2 August 2013, over seven months ago. When will the successful applicants be announced? When was the last time the department made contact with all of the grant applicants to update them on the progress and explain the delay? 2. The Fund guidelines stipulated that projects must be completed by June 2015. Because of the delay in announcing the successful grant recipients, will the department extend the timeframe for completion of projects? 3. Can the department confirm that the grants will definitely be allocated this financial year 2013-14?

**Answer**

Please see the evidence provided by the Department, at the Education and Employment Legislation Committee Hearing of 26 February 2014; pages 73 and 74 of the Hansard refers.