

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 1

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Senator Fisher asked on 4 June 2008, EEWL Hansard page 111.

Question

260 Additional Early Learning and Care Centres

Once the department has determined the 38 sites, provide the data upon which the determination of the sites were based, including vacancies and factors that go to need in respect of each site – i.e. data matching for each site.

Answer

No specific sites have yet been determined. The Department has sought advice from the state and territory governments on potential sites within the announced locations for the 32 mainstream additional Early Learning and Care Centres. As part of that process, both the Department and the relevant state or territory governments are undertaking an assessment of unmet demand for child care.

The locations for the autism-specific centres are being identified by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in consultation with key stakeholders. In determining unmet demand for autism-specific centres, the specific clientele that these centres are designed for will be taken into account.