EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 1

DEEWR Question No. EW695_09

Senator Fisher asked on 4 June 2008, EEWR Hansard page 112.

Question

260 Additional Early Learning and Care Centres

Provide an itemised breakdown of the \$114.5 million funding for the new child care centres, i.e. the 60% (capital) - 40% (operational) breakdown.

Answer

Of the allocated \$114.5 million over four years:

- \$64.6 million is for capital costs;
- \$48.3 million is for ongoing child care related expenses such as Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Tax Rebate. This includes \$16.4 million to support the operation of the six autism-specific centres; and
- \$1.7 million is for departmental resourcing.