

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

CHILD CARE REBATE CHANGES - BUDGET 2010-11

When does the government intend to fulfil its undertaking about the timing of Child Care Rebate payments to parents?

Answer

The Government committed to improve the timing of Child Care Rebate payments by enabling parents to receive their Child Care Rebate quarterly, rather than having to wait until the end of the financial year. This was implemented with effect from 1 July 2008.

The Prime Minister announced on 9 July 2010 that the Government would introduce fortnightly payment of the Child Care Rebate with effect from 1 July 2011.