

**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

**NATIONAL QUALITY REFORM AGENDA FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CHILD
CARE**

Has DEEWR allocated funds to do the proper analysis and consultation required by the Productivity Commission, and by the COAG best-practice principles in relation to the National Quality Reform Agenda?

Answer

The Department has funded all contributions to date and has worked closely with the Australian Government Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR).

OBPR best practice principles reflect the Productivity Commission's requirements and the OBPS agreed with the Department's Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) and the Decision RIS. The Decision RIS was endorsed by COAG in December 2009.

The Department has committed to continue to engage with stakeholders and to fund any analysis and consultations as appropriate.