

**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**

**MYCHILD WEBSITE**

Is the MyChild website the first step in a My School comparative performance website? Is it proposed to give standards of child care across the nation?

**Answer**

The mychild.gov.au website has been created as an online portal to deliver information and on-line services to parents on:

- the importance of quality early childhood education and care
- accessing and making decisions about appropriate child care options for working families, and
- other information on child health and wellbeing and assistance to parents.

It is intended that mychild.gov.au will evolve over time and continue to improve public knowledge about and access to information about the quality of early childhood education and care services to parents, carers and the general public to help inform their choices about the quality of education and care provided to their children.

The National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care has committed to providing a comprehensive listing of service ratings on the mychild website.