

**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 POCKETS OF NEED

What strategies are in place to identify pockets of need where there is no childcare facility?

Answer

The Department maintains a broad watching brief on the provision of childcare services as part of reviewing the state of the childcare market including, for example reviewing and improving the accuracy of childcare vacancy data. The Department does not constrain the provision of childcare services and funds an unlimited number of childcare places in Long Day Care, Family Day Care and Outside School Hours Care in response to market demand.