

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

DEEWR Question No.EW0132_11

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

MEREWETHER HEIGHTS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE - DRIVEWAY

"Due to safety concerns resulting from its proximity to classrooms and playground equipment, the school driveway has been closed to parental traffic for several years. What measures have been undertaken by the Department to ensure the safety of children will not be put at risk by the planned use of the driveway for parent and staff access to the early learning Centre? How have the concerns of these groups been addressed?"

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is liaising with the funding recipient and the NSW Department of Education and Training to ensure that safety issues are appropriately addressed, as required by the Council in approving the Development Application for this project.