

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

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

DEEWR Question No.EW0304_11

Senator Payne asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 15.

Question

CHILDCARE CENTRES

Senator PAYNE—On notice, Mr Johnson, could you please provide the committee with a brief description of the arrangements in relation to the tender processes, the contractors for the individual processes, these sorts of arrangements that we have been talking about, just a brief description for each of the 38? Mr Johnson—We would be happy to do that, Senator. Senator PAYNE—Thank you very much. When the centres were first being discussed the DEEWR website indicated that the new centres would be located in areas of unmet demand. That has been a matter which we have discussed across the past few estimates. For each of the sites for the 38 centres, can you indicate to the committee what factors were used for each of those and whether any review has been conducted since those original announcements to determine if those factors still exist in those locations? Mr Johnson—The areas for the allocation of each of the centres, 36 of the 38 were announced by the government in the 2007 election. At that time the indication was to provide those centres in areas where there was significant demand or requirements to respond to the needs of particular communities. Beyond that I would probably have to take on notice any analysis around the particular demands of communities at this point in time in each of those 38 regions. Senator PAYNE—Can you give us some more information on that? Mr Johnson—Yes certainly we can take that on notice

Answer

Descriptions of the tender processes in which the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has been involved for each of the 38 Early Learning and Care Centres (ELCC) are provided at [Attachment A](#).

The process used to determine where the Early Learning and Care Centres would be located was provided in response to DEEWR Question No. EW0308_10. The Department has not conducted a review of those locations but continues to work with funding recipients to monitor local community demand for the centres.

ATTACHMENT A**Tender processes in which the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has been involved**

Location	Description of tender process
New South Wales	
Faulconbridge	A joint DEEWR and New South Wales Department of Education and Training (NSW DET) Request for Proposal (RFP) process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, KU Children's Services, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 24 October 2009.
Milperra	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in October/November 2009. The successful applicant, SDN Children's Services, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 22 January 2010.
Newcastle	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, Kay Dhami, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 4 January 2010.
North Ryde	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, LLCA Explore and Develop, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 4 January 2010.
Queanbeyan	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, KU Children's Services, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 24 October 2009.
Killara	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, Abbotsleigh School, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 24 October 2009.

Bondi Junction	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, Waverley Council, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 24 October 2009.
Fairlight	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, Manly Council, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 24 October 2009.
Inner-West Sydney	A joint DEEWR and NSW DET RFP process for the construction and operation of the centre was conducted in June/July 2009. The successful applicant, the Infant's Home Family Services, was announced by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth on 24 October 2009.
Hazelbrook	During 2009, two RFP processes were undertaken by DEEWR with limited results. As a result, direct negotiations were undertaken with the Blue Mountains City Council to deliver this ELCC.
South-west Sydney (Autism)	The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) conducted an RFP to establish the centre. The successful applicant, KU Children's Services, was announced on 2 April 2009 by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, and the Hon Maxine McKew, former Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care.
Victoria	
Craigieburn	DEEWR is providing funding to the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about the construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
St Kilda	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Upwey	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.

Yarraville	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Moe	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Port Melbourne	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Broadmeadows	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Bendigo	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Foster	DEEWR is providing funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Hurstbridge	DEEWR will provide funding to DEECD to construct and operate this centre. Consistent with other Victorian funding agreement arrangements it is anticipated that selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of DEECD.
Melbourne (Autism)	FaHCSIA conducted an RFP to establish the centre. The successful applicant, La Trobe University, was announced on 2 April 2009 by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, and the Hon Maxine McKew, former Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care.
Queensland	
Yamanto (Amberley)	DEEWR provided funding to the Queensland Department of Education and Training (Qld DET) to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of Qld DET.
Cairns	DEEWR is providing funding to Qld DET to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of Qld DET.
Gladstone	A joint RFP process was conducted by DEEWR and QLD DET to establish the centre.
Townsville	A joint RFP process was conducted by DEEWR and QLD DET to establish the centre.

Weipa	DEEWR conducted a RFP for refurbishment/expansion and operation of the existing child care centre, previously owned and operated by Rio Tinto. The successful applicant, Creche and Kindergarten Association Inc, was announced on 3 July 2009 by the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth, and the Hon Geoff Wilson MP, Queensland Minister for Education and Training.
Brisbane (Autism)	FaHCSIA conducted an RFP to establish the centre. The successful applicant, AEIOU (in partnership with Griffith University), was announced on 23 July 2009 by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and the Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services.
Western Australia	
Darch	DEEWR is providing funding to the Western Australian Department of Education (WA DoE) to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of the WA DoE.
Karratha	DEEWR is providing funding to WA DoE to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of the WA DoE.
Mirrabooka	DEEWR is providing funding to WA DoE to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of the WA DoE.
Port Hedland	To be confirmed.
Perth (Autism)	FaHCSIA conducted an RFP to establish the centre. Following the receipt of no applications through this process, FaHCSIA directly approached interested parties to establish the centre. The successful applicant, Jellybeans Child Care (in partnership with the Autism Association of Western Australia and Curtin University), was announced on 7 September 2009 by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and the Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, and the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth.
South Australia	
Adelaide (Autism)	FaHCSIA conducted a RFP to establish the centre. The successful applicant, Anglicare South Australia Inc, was announced on 2 April 2009 by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and the Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, and the Hon Maxine McKew MP, former Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care.

Tasmania	
Beaconsfield	DEEWR is providing funding to the Tasmanian Department of Education (Tas DoE) to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of the Tas DoE.
North-west Tasmania (Autism)	The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs conducted two RFPs to establish the centre. The successful applicant, Burnie City Council, was announced on 14 October 2009 by the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and the Hon Bill Shorten MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services, and the Hon Kate Ellis MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth.
Northern Territory	
Darwin	DEEWR is providing funding to the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training (NT DET) to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of NT DET.
Palmerston	DEEWR is providing funding to the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training (NT DET) to construct and operate this centre. Under the funding agreement, selection decisions about construction and operation of the centre are the responsibility of NT DET.