

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 asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 18.

Question

FINANCIAL CHECKS FOR NEW CHILD CARE CENTRE OPERATORS

Senator PAYNE—What consultation has been done with the sector to date before this initiative was announced in the budget? Mr Kimber—There has been no consultation with the sector at this stage. That consultation will occur in the second half of this year for further consideration by the minister about the final framework. This also will be the subject of legislative changes required in 2011 for an introduction on 1 July next year. Senator PAYNE—Have any concerns been raised by the sector about the announcement that was made in the budget without consultation? Mr Kimber—Not that I am aware of. Senator PAYNE—Could you take that on notice, please? Mr Kimber—I will take that on notice, but I am not aware of any concerns.

Answer

No concerns have been expressed to the Department by the sector.