

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 1

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Senator Payne asked on 22 October 2008, EEWWR Hansard page 105.

Question

Where is the development of the healthy eating guidelines and the healthy kids check process up to and what is their commencement date?
Do these include the Healthy Habits for Life guide?

Answer

The Department of Health and Ageing is responsible for the development of the healthy eating guidelines, the healthy kids check and the Healthy Habits for Life guide and has provided the following update on their development and commencement date.

The Department of Health and Ageing advise that a procurement process has been conducted to secure the services of an appropriately qualified provider to develop and produce the Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Guidelines for Early Childhood Settings. Tenders closed on 25 September 2008 and contract negotiations are close to finalisation.

The Healthy Kids Check and the Healthy Habits for Life – Get Set 4 Life Guide were launched on 1 July 2008. Parents/carers are being provided with the Healthy Habits for Life – Get Set 4 Life Guide at the time they attend the Healthy Kids Check.