

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Costing of the new child care regulations announced at COAG

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- a) With regard to the New Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care, please describe the cost-benefit analysis that has been undertaken.**
- b) Please explain the findings of any such research in relation to single working mothers.**

Answer: On 7 December 2009 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to a new National Quality Agenda for early childhood education and care, including the release of the Regulation Impact Statement for this reform, which can be found at www.coag.gov.au. The Regulation Impact Statement includes a cost benefit analysis. Questions relating to the details of the Regulation Impact Statement should be directed to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.