

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Outcome 1

DEEWR Question No. EW1121_09

Senator Payne asked on 25 February 2009, EEWL Hansard page 49.

Question

New Early Learning and Care Centres – Methodology Used to Assess Priority Locations

What was the methodology followed in relation to assessing unmet demand in the remaining priority locations?

Answer

In undertaking the assessment of unmet demand for child care in the priority locations, the department used local feasibility studies, relevant reports produced by the local, state or territory government, information about future developments or expansion in the area, stakeholder feedback (including through the Registration of Interest process conducted by the department) and any other local information about child care issues in the area. The department also analysed demographic data, place availability data and utilisation data where available.