

**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 provided in writing.

Question

MYCHILD WEBSITE- VACANCY

Are the figures indicative of the daily vacancies or is it possible that a vacancy listed may no longer exist?

Answer

Mychild Website - Vacancy

Child Care Benefit approved services are required to report vacancy information on a weekly basis. Each service has until 8pm (local time) every Friday to report the anticipated availability of child-care places for each day of the following week. This information is published on the Mychild website, and available via the Child Care Access Hotline on the following Monday morning.

The vacancy figures are indicative of the vacancies anticipated by services at the time they were reported. As such, it is possible that the vacancy may be filled in the intervening period of time between the vacancy being reported and the date of the expected vacancy.

Both Mychild and the Child Care Access Hotline are refreshed several times a week to ensure that they are up to date.