

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

DEEWR Question No. EW0130_11

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

MEREWETHER HEIGHTS EARLY LEARNING AND CARE CENTRE

When considering the DA, was the Council able to consider all issues relevant to the development? In particular, was the Council able to consider site selection - the specific site within Merewether Heights Public School grounds?

Answer

The Department is advised that the Newcastle City Council considered all issues relevant to its role in considering the development application. The Council considered the plans for the Early Learning and Care Centre, which specified the site within the Merewether Heights Public School grounds on which it is proposed that the centre will be constructed.