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Question

Childcare Advisory Board

1. Why is it that the newly announced Childcare Advisory Board does not have a representative of the Australian Childcare Alliance - an organisation that represents 70% of the private childcare industry? 2. The Minister, Mr Garrett said: "The board appointees reflect the full spectrum of the early childhood sector. How is that at all possible when 70% of the nation's child care businesses are not represented?

Answer

The Government committed to ensuring the Advisory Board would consist of representatives from employer and employee organisations and the early childhood sector. The members appointed meet this commitment.