SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome 1

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Senator Payne asked on 22 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 24.

Question

Additional Early Learning and Care Centres

Do you have an estimate of how many child care places it is expected will be created when we have all of these 38 in the first tranche up and running?

Answer

As set out in the program guidelines, on average, it is expected that each of the centres (except the Autism-specific centres) will provide at least 50 additional child care places. For the Autism-specific centres, it is expected that 20 additional places will be established for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The final number of places created by each centre will vary depending on the needs of the local community.