

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Senator Tillem asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 55

Question

Barriers to the efficiency of Childcare providers

Ms Paul: Thank you. What we hear from providers is that there are a range of barriers to their efficiency, so they have to fill in forms at all those different levels. There are local government arrangements too. We do hear providers saying that those imposts have increased. Senator TILLEM: 'We do hear'—so it is anecdotal. Do we have any qualitative or quantitative data that will help explain it a bit more? Ms Paul: We can take that on notice and see what there is. I think there probably would be a range of data, but we may not have it with us here.

Answer

Under the Multilateral Implementation Plan (MIP) for the National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care, Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) is required to provide a six monthly report to the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood. The report draws on input from all jurisdictions. One of the performance indicators is the proportion of services reporting a reduced regulatory burden under the new regulatory system. ACECQA recently completed a regulatory burden survey and its findings will be published in early 2014.