

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

**Department of Education Question No. ED0194_14
Senator Lines asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 73**

**Question
Goodstart Early Learning**

Senator LINES: Are you aware if the shadow minister, or since Ms Ley became the minister, consulted with Goodstart Early Learning? Senator Payne: I do not have any information on that. Senator LINES: Just to put it on the record, Goodstart Early Learning have recruited 600 teachers. Is there a comment on that? Senator Payne: No. Senator LINES: They have a teacher in nearly every centre they own. They are the largest provider in the country. You do not have any information on that—whether the minister is aware of that or whether they were part of the consultation? Senator Payne: I do not have any information on that. Senator LINES: Is that something you want to take on notice—about who was consulted? Senator Payne: It is not for us to choose; it is for you to ask, and if you would like to ask me to take that on notice— Senator LINES: Yes. If that could be taken on notice— Senator Payne: I will do that. Senator LINES: Goodstart has got a teacher in almost every centre it operates. Senator Payne: I will take that on notice. Senator LINES: Thank you.

Answer

The Hon Sussan Ley MP, Assistant Minister for Education has met with Goodstart Early Learning on two occasions since her appointment.