

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. ED0199_14

Senator Ruston asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 76

Question

Big Steps childcare program campaign

Senator RUSTON: You may not be able to answer this. Was the fund a response to the Big Steps child care program campaign by United Voice? Ms Paul: I am not sure that we could answer that. I think that is the nature of the election commitment in terms of the ministers commissioning a review to investigate those matters. Just on the Fair Work Commission, it might help to say that that there are currently two equal remuneration award applications before the Fair Work Commission. Mr De Silva: For the early childhood sector. Senator RUSTON: Yes. Did the department provide any advice to the previous government about how the \$300 million in the fund should be distributed? Ms Paul: We will probably have to take that on notice.

Answer

Yes. The department provided advice to the previous government about how the \$300 million in the fund should be distributed.