

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

The committee met on Friday, 5 June 2015 from 9 am until 1 pm.

The committee called the Department of Social Services.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the new childcare policy communications campaign,
- the nannies pilot through the grants process,
- data used to inform the new child care policies, including processes used in the quantitative survey for child care,
- changes in the rate of female workforce participation as a result of the proposed government policy changes to child care,
- Productivity Commission modelling on the child care system,
- changes to the income activity test for the child care subsidy and the impact on families,
- the work-study-training test for the child care subsidy,
- the setting of a fee cap on child care costs,
- the availability of child care placements, and
- the child care safety net for children at risk.