

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

The committee met on Friday 27 February 2015 from 9.03 am until 1 pm.

The committee called the Department of Social Services.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the report of the Productivity Commission into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning and action being undertaken on the recommendations,
- the March 2014 and December 2013 quarterly figures in the Child Care and Early Learning in Summary report and the apparent upward trend in out-of-pocket costs for parents,
- the number of parents receiving the Child Care Rebate and Child Care Benefit,
- the wage and staffing component in the child care sector and campaigns about low wages,
- the Grandparent Childcare Benefit and access for families, and
- funding for the Community Support Program and changes to eligibility criteria for Family Day Care services.