



THE SENATE

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Quality and safety of Australia's early childhood education and care system

PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 10 December 2025

Corinthian Room, Sydney Masonic Centre
66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Time	Witness
9.00 am	United Workers' Union (<i>Submission 80</i>) Ms Natalie Dabarera, Research Coordinator Ms Taj Al-Thifairy, Delegate Member Mrs Rawat Pallavi, Early Childhood Teacher (via teleconference)
9.40 am	Early Childhood Australia (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 89</i>) Ms Samantha Page, Chief Executive Officer
10.20 am	Community Early Learning Australia (<i>Submission 47</i>) Ms Michele Carnegie, Chief Executive Officer Ms Laura Stevens, Director of Policy and Strategy
11.00 am	Break
11.25 am	Social Ventures Australia (<i>Submission 78</i>) Ms Rosie Hodson, Director, Policy & Advocacy Ms Emma Sydenham, Director, Early Childhood (via teleconference) Ms Olivia Hilton, General Manager, Restacking the Odds, Centre for Community Child Health at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (via teleconference)
11.55 am	Australian National Audit Office (via teleconference) (<i>Submission 81</i>) Ms Peta Lane, Group Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group Mr David Tellis, Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group Dr Hazel Ferguson, Senior Director, Performance Audit Services Group
12.25 pm	Lunch
1.15 pm	Early Learning and Care Council of Australia (<i>Submission 91</i>) Ms Anne Hollonds, Chief Executive Officer Ms Sally Maddison, Policy Manager (via teleconference)
1.45 pm	BubbaDesk (<i>Submission 36</i>) Mrs Lauren Perrett, Chief Executive Officer and Founder
2.15 pm	Australian Human Rights Commission (<i>Submission 35</i>) Ms Deborah Tsorbaris, National Children's Commissioner Dr Susan Nicolson, Director, Children's Rights Team
2.45 pm	Break

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3.00 pm	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority Mrs Gabrielle Sinclair, Chief Executive Officer Mr Craig Bennett, General Manager, Policy and Regulatory Systems
4.00 pm	Department of Education (via teleconference) (Submission 77) Ms Kylie Crane PSM, Deputy Secretary, Early Childhood Group Ms Michele Arcaro, First Assistant Secretary, Early Learning Programs Division Mr Brendan Moon, First Assistant Secretary, Child Care Integrity Division
5.00 pm	Adjournment