

Additional Comments by Coalition Senators

1.1 Coalition Senators make the following additional comments on the interim report.

1.2 The Senate Select Committee on Red Tape's motivation in addressing the considerable regulatory burden of red tape on child care has identified issues that may affect the efficiency of the sector, as well as the cost of services, access to services, the quality of services provided, and the ability of child care establishments to provide their services in the most efficient manner.

1.3 In particular the committee found that the regulatory environment relating to the child care sector reduced access and increased prices, without necessarily improving the quality of child care provided, and whilst limiting employability in the sector.

1.4 The committee identified numerous issues of overregulation, excessive compliance requirements, regulatory complexity and lack of free market principles.

1.5 Noting that this is an interim report, Coalition Senators will provide additional comments on these issues once the final report has been tabled.

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