

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System      Question No: SQ15-000161**

**Topic: Child Care**

**Hansard page: Written**

**Senator Lines, Sue** asked:

How many times has the Stakeholder Reference Group for Child Care and Early Learning met?

On what dates?

How long did each meeting go for?

Who attended each meeting?

What was the agenda at each meeting?

Were any papers provided at each meeting?

[if yes] Can those papers be provided to the Committee?

Has the Group made any resolutions or recommendations?

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What has been the total cost and the cost of each meeting?

**Answer:**

**How many times has the Stakeholder Reference Group for Child Care and Early Learning met? On what dates?**

The Stakeholder Reference Group for Child Care and Early Learning met on 18 August and 28 November 2014. A teleconference was held on 23 February 2015.

**How long did each meeting go for?**

Meetings are generally held across a full day, from approximately 10 am to 4 pm.

**Who attended each meeting?**

The Group is chaired by the Departmental Deputy Secretary with responsibility for Early Childhood and Child Care. The table below lists the ten members of the Group.

Mr Paul Amato	Manager, Out of School Hours Care, Police-Citizens Youth Club (QLD)
Ms Marcia Armstrong	Manager, Family, Youth and Early Childhood, Wodonga City Council (VIC)
Ms Jane Bourne	Chief Executive Officer, The Gowrie (QLD)
Ms Anne Bowler	Chairperson, National Association of Mobile Services for Rural and Remote Families and Children (VIC)
Ms Janelle Brennan	Coordinator, Kingborough Family Day Care (TAS)

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Ms Lisa Godwin	President, Child Care Association of Western Australia (WA)
Ms Margaret Harrison	Manager Children's Services, MacDonnell Regional Council (NT)
Ms Ruth Jessup	Home Based Care Manager, Mersey Leven Child Care Service (TAS)
Ms Fiona O'Donnell	Managing Director, Oorama Education and Total Childcare Solutions Australia (ACT)
Ms Annemarie Sansom	Vice President, Australian Nanny Association (NSW)

**What was the agenda at each meeting? Were there any papers and if so, can those papers be provided to the Committee?**

The meetings of the Stakeholder Reference Group are confidential, consistent with the Terms of Reference of the Group, and any papers provided for meetings are also confidential.

**Has the Group made any resolutions or recommendations?**

The Group is not a decision making body and as such does not make resolutions or recommendations.

**What has been the total cost and the cost of each meeting?**

18 August 2014	28 November 2014	Total
\$7,157.34	\$7,800.33	\$14,957.67