

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: 2.4 Support for Child Care System Question No: SQ15-000431

Topic: Family Day Care Compliance

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Senator Sue Lines asked:

In relation to compliance and sharp practices within Family Day Care. In March Family Day Care Australia, the national peak body proposed a solution to the Department of Social Services – a 5% care cap on educators caring for other educators children within a service:

- 1 - Has the Department considered the approach put forward by Family Day Care Australia?
- 2 - Is the Department considering an alternative model of regulation based on exemptions for Family Day Carers whose children also require care?
- 3 - What exemptions will be available?
- 4 - Who would be responsible for approving these exemptions?

Answer:

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - Yes
- 3 - The Minister is currently determining if any exemptions will apply in the case of the child swapping rule.
- 4 - Should exemptions apply the Minister will identify a delegate for approvals.