

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000060

Senator Bernardi, Cory asked on 01 March 2017, Proof Hansard page 74

POA - Legal advice

Question

Senator BERNARDI: The minister has to approve that, don't you, minister? In relation to those guidelines, was there ever any legal advice that the department received or any other advice about whether they complied with state antidiscrimination laws, et cetera, or even Commonwealth antidiscrimination laws?

Dr Bruniges: Not that I am aware of. I would need to take that on notice.

Ms Wilson: That was quite a long time ago.

Answer

The Priority of Access Guidelines have been part of the legislative framework for child care since 2000.

There is no record of the Department of Education and Training having received legal advice about the issue.