

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0242\_15**

**Senator O'Neill provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Commission of Audit recommendation**

1. Why didn't the budget adopt the commission of audits recommendation to combine the CCR and CCB? Is that something that is under consideration?
2. The commission of audit recommended that the Paid Parental Leave threshold be reduced and that the savings be invested into childcare.
  - a. Has the department provided any advice to the minister or to the PM on this recommendation?
  - b. Has the department done any modelling on this proposal?
  - c. What were the results of the modelling?

**Answer**

1. In the Government's response to the National Commission of Audit, the Treasurer and Minister for Finance indicated that: *"Childcare reforms will be considered following the Productivity Commission Review of Childcare."*

2 a, b &c. In the Government's response to the National Commission of Audit, the Treasurer and Minister for Finance indicated that: *"The PPL will be implemented from 1 July 2015 as per the Government's policy."*

The department has not done any modelling on the National Commission of Audit recommendation 21.