

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

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Question

Media Release - CSP changes - Minister Ley 21 March

Senator LINES: I am just looking at a media release put out by Minister Ley on 21 March in which she says, 'Ms Ley said the changes'—and by that she meant the CSP changes—'meant new family day care services applying for CSP would have to meet eligibility criteria requiring them to be the only provider' in the FDC area. Ms Ley, did the department give input to this media release? Ms Wilson: I understand that there has been some comment about whether the statement says it was only for new. I think the decision at the time the minister announced it was for new. The budget announced an extension of that to existing. I do not think anything in that press release—and I have read it several times and we will take on notice our input into that, whether we provided any—there was never any intention to say anything apart from those rules applied to new when the minister announced it on 21 March.

Answer

The Department of Education provided factual information to Minister Ley's office.