

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000734

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Universal Access funding on to Long Day Care Centres

Question

Are State and Territory Governments required to pass the Universal Access funding on to Long Day Care Centres? How much funding do Long Day Care Centres receive per child from the Universal Access funding in each State and Territory? And do Long Day Care Centres use that funding as fee relief?

Answer

The Australian Government provides a consistent per child contribution for every preschool-aged child under the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education. In 2018 this amount will be \$1237 (refer to SQ17-000738).

The extent to which states and territories pass on funding to support preschool delivered in Long Day Care (LDC) settings varies.

The Government does not have access to information that determines the extent to which LDC services use this funding to provide fee relief.