

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000891

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing

Foreign owned services

Question

What proportion of services are foreign owned? How has this changes over the last five and ten years?

Answer

The Department of Education and Training has never collected data on the proportion of Child Care Benefit approved services that are foreign owned.

Foreign ownership of child care services is governed by the Australian Government's Foreign Investment Framework and relevant legislation, including the *Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975* and associated regulations.

All investors (both foreign and domestically-owned) must comply with Australia's laws and maintain high standards of conduct at all times.

Regardless of whether investors in child care are located offshore or not, the Government's focus is on organisations' practices and ensuring compliance with relevant Australian laws and regulations.