

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Early Childhood and Child Care

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Quality ratings under the National Quality Framework

Question

In relation to quality ratings under the National Quality Framework

- In each state and territory, what proportion of services has received a quality rating?
- What proportion has been re-rated?
- How far behind schedule is this? When were quality ratings originally expected to be completed by?

Answer

State and territory regulatory authorities are responsible for assessing and rating services approved under the *Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010* against the National Quality Standard.

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) publishes quarterly reports on the progress of assessment and rating through its National Quality Framework Snapshots, which are available on ACECQA's website at:

<http://www.acecqa.gov.au/national-quality-framework/national-quality-framework-snapshots>

The original *National Partnership Agreement on the National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care* (Schedule B, page B-4) includes the expected frequency of assessments under the National Quality Framework. The National Partnership Agreement is available on the Council on Federal Financial Relations website at:

<http://www.federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/content/npa/education/national-partnership/past/National-Quality-Early-Childhood-Education-NP.pdf>