

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0187_14

Senator McKenzie asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 65

Question

Closing of Family Day Care services

CHAIR: You are also aware of some family day care services closing because of the new requirements. Ms Wilson: The concerns have been raised with the department and the minister. CHAIR: So you are aware of them. Ms Wilson: Yes. CHAIR: Could you please comment on the geographies of those closures. Ms Wilson: I am not aware of specific closures. We would have to take that on notice. CHAIR: Thank you. I would appreciate that.

Answer

While the Department of Education has received some complaints about the impact of the National Quality Framework (NQF) on child care services, the department has not received any information on specific family day care service closures as a result of the introduction of the NQF.