

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0427_15

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Long Day Care Professional Development Program - reporting

The Department of Education fact sheet explains that providers are required to account for expenditure under the Long Day Care Professional Development Program (LDCPDP) through progress reports. (a) How often are reports required? (b) When are the first reports due? (c) How will the department be making these public? (d) Will the government table these reports or provide them to the committee once received?

Answer

Clause 13.2 of the Long Day Care Professional Development Programme (LDCPDP) Funding Agreement defines the reports each funded long day care (LDC) provider is required to provide to the Department of Education to account for LDCPDP grant expenditure. A copy of the Funding Agreement is publicly available at www.education.gov.au/lhcpdp.

(a) How often are reports required?

- Progress report 1 is due on 31 March 2015
- Progress report 2 is due on 31 March 2016
- A final report is due on 30 September 2017
- A financial report is due on the earlier of 30 September 2017 or three months after the total amount of funding has been spent.

(b) When are the first reports due?

- Refer to answer to (a) above.

(c) How will the department be making these public?

- It is not normal practice to make public progress reports required under funding agreements.

(d) Will the government table these reports or provide them to the committee once received?

- Refer to answer to (c) above.