

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

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Question

CN2300301 Price Waterhouse Coopers contract

Ms Wilson: Basically there was a group of services that claimed that they were not financially viable and were seeking additional financial assistance. We got PricewaterhouseCoopers in to come and have a look and to work with them to understand their business model. The final report is expected shortly. Senator LINES: How many services was that? Ms Wilson: There are currently 10 under assessment. Ms Paul: By the sounds of it, I think, we are hoping that through this work PricewaterhouseCoopers can help those services strengthen their own capabilities in this area. Senator LINES: Can we get a list of those services? Ms Paul: Sure. I am happy to take it on notice.

Answer

The report under contract CN2300301 contains detailed information about Budget Based Funded services and their operations which we regard as commercial in confidence, so the department is unable to provide the names of the services that took part in this project.