

**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. ED0632\_15**

**Senator O'Neill asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 80**

**Question**

**List of locations in which the information sessions about the CSP changes were held**

Senator LINES: Isn't early next year a bit late to get businesses organised? Ms Pearce: That is one of the reasons we are running this business support package at the moment. We have had very good response rates; we have already assisted 600 individuals and 63 per cent of services. Senator LINES: Can you give us a list of where you have done those consultations? Ms Pearce: I have not got it with me, but— Ms Wilson: They have been all around Australia. Ms Pearce: All over Australia. Ms Wilson: And they have actually done 'webinars' with people in remote areas of Queensland and remote areas of other states. In many cases, we have had 50 register and 200 turn up; I have not heard of that sort of thing before. Ms Paul: There is no doubt that it has made an enormous difference. The really deep engagement with the sector by Ms Wilson and her colleagues has made a huge difference to just giving the right information to people. I am sure that is what has been reflected in the amount of interest but also in the relatively low level of negative representations, which is always a bit of an indicator. Senator LINES: Have you consulted in Western Australia? Ms Pearce: I am sure that we have. Ms Wilson: We can confirm that. Ms Pearce: Every state and territory— Senator LINES: Because all of the service providers that I met with—private, local government and schemes—were very concerned about having to pass on significant costs to parents, because of— Ms Paul: It just is not the most significant part of the funding. Ms Pearce: That is correct. Ms Paul: The significant part of the funding is the CCB. Senator LINES: So they have got it wrong, have they? Ms Paul: Of course, we respect people's concerns, and it is for that reason that we have engaged so deeply. Perhaps you spoke with them before they had been to some of these sessions— Senator LINES: I think this was last Tuesday. Ms Pearce: We will give you the list. Ms Wilson: We can give you the List. There are 33 locations - and not just major CBDS - I cannot confirm exactly which locations?

**Answer**

Information sessions delivered as part of the first stage of the Family Day Care Business Development Package were held in locations outlined in the table below:

## STAGE ONE FAMILY DAY CARE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Location	Date
<b>New South Wales</b>	
Lismore	19 August 2014
Coffs Harbour	20 August 2014
Armidale	21 August 2014
Newcastle	22 August 2014
Sydney	25 August 2014 11 September 2014
Dubbo	26 August 2014
Nowra	28 August 2014
Queanbeyan	29 August 2014
Albury	15 September 2014
<b>Victoria</b>	
Preston	1 September 2014
Moorabbin	1 September 2014
Box Hill	2 September 2014
Flemington	2 September 2014
Shepparton	3 September 2014
Ballarat	5 September 2014
<b>Western Australia</b>	
Perth -Mirrabooka	19 September 2014
Perth- Webinar	19 September 2014
Riverton	19 September 2014
<b>South Australia</b>	
Hindmarsh	1 September 2014
Mawson Lakes	1 September 2014
<b>Tasmania</b>	
Hobart-Bellerive	5 September 2014
<b>Northern Territory</b>	
Darwin-Marrara	8 September 2014
<b>Queensland</b>	
Brisbane	10 September 2014
Rockhampton	15 September 2014
Cairns	16 September 2014
Sunshine Coast	17 September 2014
Gold Coast	18 September 2014
Townsville	22 September 2014
Mackay	22 September 2014
Bundaberg	24 September 2014
Bundaberg- Webinar	24 September 2014
Miles	1 October 2014
<b>ACT</b>	
Canberra	11 September 2014