

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Care

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Senator Lines asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 81

Question

Self Assessment Tool for Family Day Care service operators

Senator LINES: Did you alert services to the existence of the tool? Ms Wilson: Yes, we did. Family Day Care Australia, who are doing all of this on our behalf—because they are doing all of this business support package—have put out many different alerts in many different ways to notify services. Senator LINES: So, formally, they were asked to do that on your behalf. Ms Wilson: That is right. Senator LINES: Did the government make an announcement about the self-assessment tool? Ms Wilson: As I said, we fund NSW Family Day Care and Family Day Care Queensland for that project. They are doing it on behalf of us. I cannot recall whether there was a separate press release about the tool, but we can take that on notice.

Answer

On 16 July 2014 the department emailed all Family Day Care services in receipt of Community Support Programme funding with a message from the Hon Sussan Ley MP, the Assistant Minister for Education.

The message provided information about the Business Development Package being developed at the time by the New South Wales Family Day Care Association and the Family Day Care Association of Queensland, including the self-assessment tools to assist services which would like to undertake a preliminary assessment of their eligibility under the new criteria.

Since July 2014, the Business Development Package website and information sessions have included information on the self-assessment tools.