

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

Department of Education Question No. ED0426_14

Senator McKenzie asked on 26 February 2014 , Hansard page 65

Question

National Quality Framework

Senator McKENZIE: Of the 16 services that were offered funding, were they already meeting the National Quality Framework? Mr De Silva: I would need to take it on notice as to where they fell, but in terms of the analysis of PwC it found that, of a large proportion of those who applied and were offered grants, there was quite a significant number who actually met all the quality requirements and therefore, if the objective was to increase the quality requirements, PwC concluded that it was unlikely to assist in any significant way.

Answer

Of the 16 providers with funding agreements covering 660 services, 44 percent of services from small providers declared they met the qualification requirements and 4 per cent of services from the large provider declared they were meeting the qualification requirements.