

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome **1**

DEEWR Question No. EW0321_10

Senator Payne asked on Wednesday 3 June 2009, EEWL Hansard page 26.

Question 1

Early Years Learning Framework

I wanted to follow up on a contract notice which was on the AusTender website in relation to venue hire for the national Early Years Learning Framework at the Westin Hotel in Sydney for the end of last year. I think it was contracts from late-November to mid-December. Can you tell me specifically what that was for?

Question 2

Early Years Learning Framework

Who was involved in those consultations?

Question 3

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Can you check in relation to the cost? It says \$15,400 was the contract value. Can you tell me how many people attended the events that were held at the Westin over that period? It is 27 November 2008 to 19 December 2008, according to this. Can you tell us when those events were held during that period and you may want to come back with more specifics about exactly what that particular event or events, given the time frame, were about?

Answer 1

The contract was for two Early Years Learning Framework National Capital City Consultation Forums held in Sydney, New South Wales.

Answer 2

Participants at the two consultation forums included a broad range of early childhood stakeholders including parents, early childhood and primary school teachers, child care workers, service providers, consultants, academics, representatives from early childhood peak bodies, unions, state government, health and inclusion support agencies.

Answer 3

Two New South Wales capital city consultations (day and evening) were held in Sydney on 2 December 2008. These open public forums attracted an attendance of approximately 200 people. The Westin Hotel was contracted at a cost of \$15,315.65.

These forums were part of the national public consultation which was held in all capital cities between 18 November 2008 and 12 December 2008.