

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

CHILD CARE HOURS - SHIFT HOURS

What if any strategies are in place for shift workers?

Answer

While the Australian Government does not stipulate a program guideline requirement for child care services to develop strategies for shift workers per se, it does provide, through the Child Care Services Support Program, flexible funding models to enable services to better meet the needs of families.

Parents with unusual shift patterns that impede their access to approved services such as Long Day Care, Outside School Hours Care or Occasional Care may be able to access Family Day Care or In Home Care. These are provided by an approved carer in the carer or child's own home.