

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

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

Outcome 1 - Early Childhood

DEEWR Question No.EW0128_11

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

SITE SAFETY CONCERNS

"Is the Department aware that there has been opposition to the ELC from the Merewether Heights Public School Parents & Citizens Association, residents and the Teachers' Federation because of safety concerns involving the site? Is the Department aware that traffic accidents have occurred at MHPS in which children have been injured? Are you aware that the most recent accident on the grounds of MHPS occurred when a car collided with a child in a school car park?"

Answer

The Department is aware of the concerns raised by the school's Parents and Citizens Association, local residents and the Teachers' Federation.

In relation to traffic accidents that have occurred at Merewether Heights Public School, this is the immediate responsibility of the school and NSW DET.