

**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

DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

Does development on Department of Education land need to go through a Development Application process with local government authorities? If not why would the Merewether Heights Early Learning Centre have been subject to a DA process?

Answer

The New South Wales Department of Education and Training has advised that planning approval for development on Department of Education and Training land falls under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The planning approval pathway depends on the zoning of the land and the permissibility or otherwise of the proposed development. With regard to the Merewether Heights Early Learning and Care Centre, it is not a crown development and therefore is subject to the development approval process.