

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1

DEEWR Question No. **EW702_10**

Senator Payne asked on 22 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 23.

Question

Additional Early Learning and Care Centres

Other than the birth rate, what other criteria would have been included in identifying these first tranche locations?

Answer

The key considerations in identifying the specific sites for the 38 priority locations are that the centres be established in (1) areas of unmet demand for child care and, (2) where new centres are established, that they be located on school grounds, TAFE, university or other community land, where possible.

In undertaking the assessment of unmet demand for child care in the priority locations, the Department used local feasibility studies, relevant reports produced by the local, state or territory government, information about future developments or expansion in the area, stakeholder feedback (including through the Registration of Interest process conducted by the Department) and any other local information about child care issues in the area. The Department also analysed demographic data, place availability data and utilisation data where available.