

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

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

Outcome 1

DEEWR Question No. EW0792_10

Senator Payne asked on 22 October 2009, EEWL Hansard page 22.

Question

Additional Early Learning and Care Centre - costs

Where does the remaining \$50 million (from a 2008 budget allocation of \$114.5 million) go if each of the 38 priority new Early Learning and Care Centres has a budget of \$1.7 million for capital costs?

Answer

Of the allocated \$114.5 million over four years:

- \$64.6 million is for capital costs;
- \$48.3 million is for ongoing child care related expenses such as Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate. This includes \$16.4 million to support the operation of the six autism-specific centres; and
- \$1.7 million is for departmental resourcing.