

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 1 - Early Childhood Education and Child Care

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Question

Immunisation Exemption in order to receive CCB

Senator BACK: That is correct. That was the question I asked you. I am interested to know—a bit of a carrot or a stick—what grounds a family would have to receive an exemption from having their child immunised in order to receive the benefit.

Ms Taylor: We will get the exact detail, but I understand there are medical grounds.

Senator BACK: So it would be a doctor's certificate? Ms Taylor: Yes, so I understand.

But I will check that. Ms Caldwell: I am just checking that for us. The immunisation requirements are a longstanding arrangement. Senator BACK: Of course.

Ms Caldwell: We will see if we can give you the exact list of exemptions now.

Ms Taylor: We will come back to that.

Answer

The payment of Child Care Benefit is dependent on children aged less than seven years either meeting the immunisation requirements or having an approved exemption from them.

Details of immunisation exemptions are available on the Family Assistance Office website at <http://www.familyassist.gov.au/claim-forms/child-care-benefit.php>.