

Dear ECD Work Force Inquiry,

I notice in your Draft Report that for Occasional Care services, you have only included the 85 Commonwealth approved services.

The vast majority of Occasional Care services are in fact registered as distinct from approved providers.

In Victoria alone, there are 230 such services all drawing on the child care workforce. Most would employ two or three qualified child care workers as a licencing requirement of the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Pro rata numbers would need to be considered for the other states.

Should you not include the registered services, you will be grossly underestimating the demand for qualified child care workers in the coming years.

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