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From: CRANE,Kylie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 May 2026 6:56 AM
To: Chiang Lim
Subject: RE: Request information about NSW's 6+3 new ECEC services co-located at public schools (via Building Early Education Fund (BEEF)) [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Chiang,

Thank you for your questions regarding the 9 new early childhood education and care services (ECEC) services delivering 400 places in New South Wales. These are funded under the Building Early Education Fund.

Under our bilateral agreement with NSW, NSW must deliver these services as long day care services for children in the age range of 0 to 5. The services must be approved under National Law, and eligible to receive the Child Care Subsidy.

The locations and sites were informed by NSW advice (noting projects are on school sites), and analysis of factors such as areas of undersupply and areas experiencing higher levels of vulnerability and disadvantage.

Regards
Kylie

Kylie Crane (she/her)
Deputy Secretary, Early Childhood
Australian Government Department of Education
[REDACTED]

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The Department of Education acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and Elders past and present.

The artwork *Guwanyji wingara yirabana* is our story. It means 'learning journey' in Dharug/Darug language. Designed by Trevor Eastwood from Dalmarri with our people, the artwork was made by many hands in a powerful gesture showcasing reconciliation in action.

From: Chiang Lim <chiang.lim@childcarealliance.org.au>
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Dear Deputy Secretary Crane

I trust you are well.

As you would know, Federal Ministers the Hon Jason Clare MP, Senator the Hon Jess Walsh and NSW Deputy Premier the Hon Prue Car MP announced today the 6+3 new early childhood education and care services:

- *6 new early learning services at:*
 - *Muswellbrook Public School*
 - *Cessnock East Public School*
 - *Eden Public School*
 - *Chester Hill North Public School*
 - *Wattawa Heights Public School*
 - *Inverell Public School*
- *3 new early learning services at*
 - *the new Calderwood Public School*
 - *the new West Dapto Public School*
 - *the new Googong Public School*

We can confirm that they are separate to the NSW Government's plans for 100 new preschools at public schools (<https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/current-service-providers/universal-preschool/100-new-public-preschools>).

I was able to contact Monique Blasiak (from Federal Minister Clare's office) (0457 671 552) and Naomi Chilcott (from NSW Deputy Premier Car's office) (0475 691 728). Both asked me to direct the following question to the Federal Department of Education.

In relation to the proposed 400 places across these 9 new services, ACA NSW would like to understand from the Federal Department of Education:

1. Are these new early childhood education and care services:
 - a. to be preschools only (ie operating 40 weeks per year and typically between school hours); or
 - b. to be preschools with wraparound before-and-after-school-care; or
 - c. to be long daycare services (ie operating 50 weeks per year); or
 - d. to be a combination of 1(a)-1(c)? If so, what will that be?
2. How were these sites chosen and the number of places determined (ie how was oversupply or undersupply calculated)? Or which of these sites were chosen due to deficiencies in children's outcomes (for example as expressed in the Australian Early Development Census' (AEDCs) results)? Or a combination of those?

Would you kindly point us in the right direction to have these initial questions answered?

Thanking you in anticipation.

Chiang



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