

14 February 2023

The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC
NSW Minister for Education & Early Childhood Learning
Parliament of New South Wales
52 Martin Place
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister Mitchell,

Re: Request projected benefits for and outcomes of children and services resulting from the Early Years Learning Framework v2.0, 2022

The Australian Childcare Alliance (ACA) NSW is the largest peak body representing the privately-owned early childhood education and care sector serving over 1,600 services primarily across New South Wales. Our members collectively employ over 25,000 staff and support over 125,000 families.

As you know, the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) version 2.0 2022 was announced on 23 January 2023 following the approval of all [Education Ministers to update](#) the national approved learning frameworks.

ACA NSW and the rest of the sector are currently studying its content and implications.

It should be noted that the [mapping of the new EYLF to the V9 Australian Curriculum](#) was made available amidst the supporting and associated documents that were also released alongside the new approved learning frameworks.

However, ACA NSW has thus far been unable to find what were the Education Ministers' projected measurable outcomes of and benefits for children aged 0 to 5 years old that would directly result from this updated learning framework.

Moreover, ACA NSW was also unable to find what were the Education Ministers' projected improvements of early childhood education and care services in terms of [Quality Area 1 – Educational Program and Practice](#) and [overall Quality Areas](#) resulting from this updated learning framework.

As you would be aware, the NSW Department of Education in [September 2022](#) and the Federal Minister for Education in [October 2022](#) expressed concerns that 40%-45% (respectively) of children were not developmentally on track upon starting school.

While ACA NSW very much appreciates the necessity for learning frameworks to evolve and improve, we would assume that Education Ministers have updated them with particular and measurable outcomes of children and early childhood education and care services in the future in mind.

For example, how would the new EYLF positively and demonstrably change/improve the results of future Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) measures

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compared to the AEDC results of 2009-2021? And what percentage increases of services, and in the different settings, would achieve higher Quality Ratings, in particular in Quality Area 1 and their overall Quality Ratings, in the future?

To that end, we would appreciate your sharing with us such qualitative and quantitative projections of outcomes of children and services in the future due to the introduction of the new EYLF v2.0.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,



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1. The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP, Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education
 2. Angie Bell MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Early Childhood Education
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