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Introduction

What is your name?

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What is your email address?

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Are you responding to this survey as:

Childcare educator or teacher

What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Do you consent to the ACCC publishing your submission?

Yes

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If you wish to provide responses to all or any of the draft findings and recommendations outlined in the September interim report, please move to the next section 'Guided submissions' to provide responses against the relevant findings and or recommendations.

Draft Findings - Costs

1. Labour is the main driver of cost for supplying childcare, accounting for 69% at centre based day care and 77% at outside school hours care. Labour costs have increased significantly for large centre based day care providers over the last 5 years.

Agree

Please provide further comment if relevant:

2. Land and related costs are the other significant driver of cost for centre based daycare providers.

Agree

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3. Not-for-profit providers appear to face lower land costs than for profit providers, but these savings are invested into labour.

Agree

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4. Location influences costs of supplying childcare services, although the influence differs depending on the cost category. Overall, costs to supply services to different areas of remoteness and socio-economic advantage do not differ greatly, except for the areas of most remoteness and most socio-economic advantage.

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Draft Findings - Profitability, viability and quality

9. On average, large centre based day care and outside school hours care providers appear to be profitable and financially viable.

Agree

Please provide further comment if relevant:

Families face high fees and Educators low incomes, but large centres make so much profit, the system is out of touch.

10. Occupancy is a key driver of revenue and therefore profits and viability.

Agree

Please provide further comment if relevant:

11. On average, margins are higher:

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12. The ability to attract and retain staff is a key determinant of quality, which affects the profitability and viability of a service.

Do Not Agree

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Childcare educators are one of the lowest pay rates. The problem is most of the Childcare centres are worried about profits instead of paying decent wages and providing quality education and care.

Draft Findings - Price regulation mechanisms

13. The design of the Child Care Subsidy and existing price regulation mechanism has had a limited effect in placing downward pressure on prices and limiting the burden on taxpayers.

Agree

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Exactly, reason why the government needs to regulate how much profits childcare centres can make, how much they charge and how educators are treated. The amount of money that us taxpayers put into the childcare subsidies is huge, we deserved some more clarity on how childcare centres used this money, how much profits are they making and not just in percentage in AUD, because as a childcare educator I'm sure this money is not going into staff wages.

14. Childcare providers are optimising session lengths to match current activity test entitlements to minimise out-of-pocket expenses for parents and guardians and maintain their revenues and profits.

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15. The Child Care Subsidy is complex for parents and guardians to understand and it is difficult to estimate out-of-pocket expenses.

Unsure / No View

Please provide further comment if relevant:

Never had a child in daycare.

16. More information is important for parents and guardians, yet the comparator website StartingBlocks.gov.au is not widely used by parents and guardians and can contain outdated information.

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