



Anasina Gray-Barberio MLC
Chair
Select Committee on the Early Childhood Education and Care Sector in Victoria

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Dear Ms Gray-Barberio

Thank you for the opportunity to review the transcript of the Commission's evidence at the Monday 8 December 2025 hearing for the Inquiry into the Early Childhood Education and Care Sector in Victoria.

Following my review of the transcript I seek to clarify my response to Ms Bath's query on page 63 which states:

Melina BATH: It is music to all of our ears. The actual vision is one thing; the actual lived reality on the day-by-day grind of all of those different aspects is the challenge, and I think it is there before us as a society. Just a side note, I just want to flag what you were discussing earlier about the rising reportable numbers that we have seen over time, and you have mentioned a couple of times there the growing awareness and expressing of that notice. Is it just that, or can you separate out the notice and the reports from awareness? Are there more predators out there and more misbehaviour and potentially criminal behaviour out there, or is it both?

Argiri ALISANDRATOS: I think you need both. You absolutely need –

My response 'I think you need both' refers to needing both effective responses to allegations of child abuse and misconduct and effective preventative measures to stop child abuse occurring in the first place, as discussed earlier in the hearing.

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify this matter.

Yours sincerely

Argiri Alisandratos
Acting Principal Commissioner

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