



Media release

Select Committee on Early Education and Care Sector in Victoria

More evidence about early childhood education and care sector

Next week, the Legislative Council Select Committee will continue its inquiry into the early childhood education and care sector in Victoria, with public hearings across two full days on Tuesday 24 February and Wednesday 25 February.

On Tuesday, the Committee will hear from major early childhood centre operators Affinity Education, Goodstart Early Learning and G8 Education. Other organisations presenting include Children and Young People with Disability Australia and Early Childhood Australia.

Wednesday's hearing will feature a range of organisations including representatives from the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority, the Australian Education Union, and the Victorian Aboriginal Children and Young People's Alliance.

All hearings will be open to the public, with live broadcasts available on the Committee's [website](#) from 9:15 am to 4:10 pm on Tuesday and 8:45 am to 4:25 pm on Wednesday.

The full [schedule](#) of witnesses is available on the Committee's website, along with [submissions](#) received.

"These public hearings will allow us to directly question major early childhood education providers and early childhood organisations about the challenges and systemic issues affecting the sector," said Select Committee Chair, Anasina Gray-Barberio.

"We're particularly interested in hearing about issues such as safety standards, the training provided to our early educators, workforce conditions, and staff-to-child ratios," she said.

The Select Committee was established following serious revelations regarding child safety and regulatory oversight in the early childhood education and care system. The inquiry is examining the adequacy of current quality and safety standards, the oversight of educator training and qualifications, and the effectiveness of Working with Children Checks, as well as broader issues relating to workforce conditions and the predominantly privatised nature of the sector.

The Committee will present an interim report in early 2026 and a final report to Parliament by 30 July 2026.

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