



Media release

Select Committee on Early Education and Care Sector in Victoria

Final hearing on Victoria's early childhood education and care sector

On Monday 25 May, the Legislative Council Select Committee will wrap up the hearings for its inquiry into the early childhood education and care sector in Victoria.

The Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn and the Victorian Early Childhood Regulatory Authority will be appearing at the hearing, which will be broadcast live on the Committee's [website](#) from 1:00 pm to 4:50 pm.

The Select Committee is also re-calling the Department of Education to answer further questions.

"We've heard a lot throughout this inquiry, and our interim report in March highlighted some of the key concerns," said Committee Chair Anasina Gray-Barberio.

"This final hearing will provide us with the opportunity to ask a range of questions of key people relevant to the sector."

The Select Committee was formed in response to significant concerns about child safety and gaps in regulatory oversight within early childhood education and care. Its work focuses on whether existing quality and safety standards are fit for purpose and how well educator training and qualifications are monitored. It is also looking more broadly at workforce conditions and the implications of a sector that is largely run by private providers.

The Committee will present a final report to Parliament by 30 July 2026.

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