



Early Education Service Delivery Price

The Australian Government's Early Education Service Delivery Price (SDP) project will provide a data-driven understanding of the reasonable costs of quality Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) service delivery.

This is a key part of the Government's commitment to ensuring Australian families can access universal, affordable ECEC no matter their background or postcode.

The findings from this project will be used to inform future funding reforms.

How will this initiative work?

The SDP project will take up to two years.

The funding will support the Department of Education to work with a technical expert to complete the project, which will be underpinned by a significant data collection and sector consultation piece.

Why is it important?

The project will ensure the Government can understand the reasonable cost for providers to deliver quality ECEC services throughout Australia – including where costs vary by cohort or location.

This will be a critical enabling piece as the Government works towards a universal ECEC system and will inform future reforms.

Who will benefit?

Australian families will benefit from future reforms that are based on a more accurate understanding of the true and reasonable cost of delivering quality ECEC.

This project will also ensure taxpayer funding is better targeted as we grow a vibrant and sustainable ECEC sector.

How much will it cost?

The Government has committed \$10.4 million in 2024-25 for the Early Education Service Delivery Price project.