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Dear Associate,

Please find attached correspondence from the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, addressed to the Vice President, noting the cessation of the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package, resumption of the Child Care Subsidy and cessation of JobKeeper in relation to Child Care Subsidy approved providers.

We have copied the other parties to this email, and had provided earlier notice to the parties of the Commonwealth's intention to provide this correspondence.

Regards,

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Dear Associate,

Please find attached correspondence from the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, addressed to the Vice President, noting temporary changes to funding arrangements for early childhood education and care services, which affect information outlined in the aide memoire provided to the Full Bench by the Commonwealth at the 5 September 2019 hearings.

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Dear Vice President

Child Care Equal Remuneration and Work Value Case C2013/6333 & AM2018/9

On 15 May 2020, the Department of Education, Skills and Employment wrote to you to inform you of temporary changes to funding arrangements for early childhood education and care services that are approved for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) purposes. These changes affected information outlined in the Aide Memoire provided by the Commonwealth to the Full Bench at the 5 September 2019 hearings.

The Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package, which was put in place to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on early childhood services and families, came to an end on 12 July 2020. Applications for Exceptional Circumstance Supplementary Payments through the Relief Package ceased on 20 June 2020.

From 13 July 2020, access to the CCS and Additional Child Care Subsidy recommenced, along with a range of new measures to support the sector and its families through the transition, including a relaxed activity test for families impacted by COVID-19 and a new Transition Payment for providers instead of Jobkeeper.

JobKeeper ceased from 20 July 2020 for employees and eligible business participants of a CCS approved provider. The transition arrangements will continue through to 27 September 2020 and provide support to approved child care providers and families as parents return to work. Further information on these transition arrangements and the resumption of the CCS system is available on the department's website <https://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/childcare>.

The Australian Government is also continuing to monitor the impacts of localised COVID-19 outbreaks and providing targeted support to providers and families in areas experiencing renewed periods of lockdown restrictions.

The Commonwealth informed the parties that it proposed to provide you with this update and received no objection. A copy of this correspondence has been provided to the parties.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alana Winslow'.

Alana Winslow
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Early Childhood Policy and Quality Branch
24 July 2020