



Australian Government
**Department of Education,
Skills and Employment**

Vice President Hatcher
Fair Work Commission
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Dear Vice President

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

I write to inform you of temporary changes to funding arrangements for early childhood education and care services that are approved for child care subsidy (CCS). These changes affect information outlined in the Aide Memoire provided by the Commonwealth to the Full Bench at the 5 September 2019 hearings of the Equal Remuneration and Work Value cases.

Due to the significant impact of COVID-19, from Monday 6 April 2020, weekly payments are being made directly to early childhood education and care services to assist services stay open and keep their educators employed. This is a temporary change to assist the sector navigate the difficulties associated with COVID-19 and is scheduled to cease at the end of the 2019-2020 financial year. This Relief Package is designed to complement the government's JobKeeper program and during this time, the usual CCS and Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) payments have been stopped. Further information is available on the departments website <https://www.dese.gov.au/covid-19/childcare>.

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 that reads "Anne Twyman".

Anne Twyman
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