

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Ms Selena Uibo

To: Hon Jo Hersey

Portfolio: Education and Training

Agency: Education and Training

Subject: Childcare centres meeting or exceeding National Quality Standards

QUESTION:

Can you confirm the quarter 1 2025 data, which I have as 91% of Northern Territory childcare centres meeting or exceeding National Quality Standards is correct, and if so does this mean your media release today, 16 June 2026 stating 90% of all Northern Territory childcare centres are now meeting or exceeding National Quality Standards—NQS—the best numbers on record is incorrect?

ANSWER:

In quarter 1, 2025, 91% of services in the Northern Territory had a quality rating.

Of those 91%, 77% were rated as meeting or exceeding the National Quality Standard (NQS).

This data is sourced from the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) National Quality Framework Snapshot Quarter 1, 2025.