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Speaker Ley, Sussan, MP

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Ms LEY (Farrer) (10:27): I have two questions for the minister—they are unrelated but, given the difficulties of this process, I am going to ask them both and I ask also that the minister undertakes, if he cannot answer me directly here and now, to come back to me with the answers to these two questions. Firstly, Minister, your department commissioned a number of reports from Access Economics on workforce modelling and the cost of child care. The reports I specifically refer to are Access Economics's *Early childhood education and care modelling* unpublished report for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in July 2009 and Access Economics's *Early childhood education and care workforce study* unpublished report for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations in October 2009. Minister, I ask why these reports have not been made public and I also ask you to undertake to provide me with copies of these Access Economics reports. Secondly, is the government considering directly subsidising the wages of child-care workers?