

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**Childcare and Economic Opportunity Fund Bill 2022**

**First print**

**Proposed amendments**

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No. 1 **Workforce plan**

Page 3, proposed section 5(1), lines 3–8. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead—

- (1) The Minister must commission a person (the *commissioned person*) to undertake a review into the childcare sector market, including by reviewing—
  - (a) areas where the commissioned person considers—
    - (i) there are childcare supply shortages, or
    - (ii) there are higher barriers to parents or carers participating in work because of the affordability or accessibility, or both, of childcare, and
  - (b) the state of the childcare sector, including the following—
    - (i) workforce,
    - (ii) pay and conditions,
    - (iii) quality standards in the childcare sector.

No. 2 **Workforce plan**

Page 3, proposed section 5(2)(a), line 10. Insert “, including the matters set out in subsection (1)(a) and (b)” after “of the review”.

No. 3 **Tabling in Parliament**

Page 3, proposed section 5(3), lines 12 and 13. Omit all words on those lines. Insert instead—

- (3) The review and report must be—
  - (a) undertaken and prepared every 2 years or other period prescribed by the regulations, and
  - (b) tabled in each House of Parliament with the annual report tabled under section 21B.

No. 4 **Appointed members**

Page 5, proposed section 10(2), line 30. Omit “At least 1”. Insert instead “One”.

No. 5 **Annual report**

Page 7, proposed section 15, lines 17–27. Omit all words on those lines.

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No. 6 **Performance audit, annual report and review of Fund**

Page 9, proposed Part 4. Insert after line 14—

**21A Performance audit**

- (1) The Auditor-General must conduct performance audits of the Fund and financial assistance provided from the Fund.
- (2) A performance audit must also address whether payments from the Fund have been made in accordance with this Act.
- (3) A report on the performance audit must be given to the Minister as soon as practicable after the completion of the audit.
- (4) A performance audit must be completed at least once every 3 years with the first performance audit being completed no later than 3 years after the approval of the first strategic investment plan by the Minister and the Treasurer.

**21B Annual report**

- (1) The Minister must produce an annual report for each financial year, reporting on the activities of the Fund during the year.
- (2) The annual report is to include the audit report of the Fund by the Auditor General under the *Government Sector Finance Act 2018*.
- (3) The audit report of the Auditor General must include a statement as to whether the payments from the Fund have been made in accordance with this Act.
- (4) The annual report must be tabled in each House of Parliament within 6 months after the end of the financial year.

**21C Review of Fund**

- (1) The Minister is to review this Part to determine whether the policy objectives of the Part remain valid and whether the terms of the Part remain appropriate for securing those objectives.
- (2) The review is to be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 3 years after the approval of the first strategic investment plan by the Minister and the Treasurer.
- (3) A report on the outcome of the review must be tabled in each House of Parliament within 6 months after the end of the period of 3 years.

No. 7 **Underspends**

Page 12, proposed Schedule 1, section 4. Insert after line 32—

- (3) An amount may be carried forward under this section and paid out in a future financial year only with the approval of the Treasurer.