



Participant Information Sheet

Evaluation of ACCS (child wellbeing) – Certificate length and language research

Overview of the research

The Australian Government's Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the Department) provides a range of measures to support children and families with vulnerabilities through the Child Care Safety Net. The Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) (child wellbeing) is a payment administered by early childhood education and care providers to provide additional assistance with meeting the cost of approved childcare. Families are eligible for ACCS (child wellbeing) if children are at risk of serious abuse and neglect including physical/emotional abuse, sexual abuse and family violence.

The Department has commissioned the Social Research Centre (SRC), in partnership with Ipsos' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Researcher Unit (ATSIRU), to undertake an evaluation of the current ACCS (child wellbeing) delivery model. The purpose of this survey is to gather information from child care providers on their opinions about the effectiveness of the current delivery model, particularly in relation to eligibility language and length of the support. It includes questions on their direct experience in administering ACCS (child wellbeing) and their views on certificate length and eligibility language. More information on the Social Research Centre and Ipsos ATSIRU is provided below.

Participating

The survey will take around 10 minutes to complete. The survey must be completed in one sitting as your responses and progress through the survey cannot be saved.

This is an opportunity for you to share your experiences, thoughts, and opinions about the current ACCS (child wellbeing) delivery model. By sharing your experiences, you will help inform the Department's advice to Government about any potential changes to ACCS (child wellbeing). Participation in the survey is voluntary and anonymous.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Your responses are confidential. Your responses will be de-identified and combined with the responses of all other survey participants. All results will be reported at a group level, so no individual can be identified.

Your personal information is protected by the Privacy Act 1988. All information you provide is confidential and used for research purposes only. The Social Research Centre's Privacy Policy can be found at <http://www.srcentre.com.au/taking-part-in-research/survey-participants/RIPP>. Ipsos' Privacy Policy can be found at <https://www.ipsos.com/en-au/search?search=privacy+policy>.

About the Social Research Centre and Ipsos ATSIRU

The [Social Research Centre](#) is an independent social research company owned by the Australian National University. Ipsos is the 2nd largest research company globally. The Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Research Unit (ATSIRU) sits within Ipsos and specifically manages all projects that involve Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Further enquiries

If you have any questions about the research, you can contact:

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Complaint or concerns

If you have a complaint or concern about how the research is being conducted, you can contact the following individuals:

- Sue Khor, Director | Evaluation and Qualitative Research Unit, The Social Research Centre, (email) sue.khor@srcentre.com.au
- The Executive Director of Research, AIATSIS, 51 Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601, (email) ethics@aiatsis.gov.au
- The Chair of the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee, AIATSIS, 51 Lawson Crescent, Acton ACT 2601, (email) ethics@aiatsis.gov.au
- If you think there has been a breach of your privacy, you can write to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001, or call 1300 363 992.

Ethics Committee Clearance

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the AIATSIS Research Ethics Committee (Ref No. EO311-20220111).

Thank you,

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