

OUR 6 POINT PLAN AND THE 2022 BUDGET

Our 6 Point Plan	Our response to the Budget announcement
<p>1. Two days a week of funded early education and care for all children from birth to school</p>	<p>Preschool funding welcomed. Recent measures to remove the subsidy cap to increase affordability for families are a start but much more work needed</p>
<p>2. A commitment to the inclusion of all children</p>	<p>Nothing specific in the budget to address unmet demand in inclusion in education and care</p>
<p>3. Mandatory National Quality Standard assessments and ratings at least every three years</p>	<p>Nothing in the budget to support more regular quality assessments in ECEC</p>
<p>4. The creation of a national industrial instrument for the education and care sector to provide educators with fairer levels of pay</p>	<p>Short-term cost of living measures will support educators, but broader issue of wages is unaddressed</p>
<p>5. A National Children’s Education & Care Workforce Strategy</p>	<p>No funding for the Government’s strategy measures. Extension of apprenticeship payments and rebates for employers are helpful</p>
<p>6. Properly funded infrastructure and governance support</p>	<p>Good to see commitment to more services where they are needed, but overall inadequate response. Much more is needed including a coordinated approach to planning.</p>