



Visions and directions for early childhood education and care in Australia

Monday 7 May 2012 8.45am – 3.30pm

Hosted by the Children's Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Goodstart Early Learning and Good Beginnings Australia.

8.45am	REGISTRATION
9am	Welcome Professor Tom Kompas, Director, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU Introduction Dr. Sharon Bessell, Director, Children's Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU Mr Chris Bennett, PricewaterhouseCoopers
9.20am	'A practical vision for early childhood education and care' Mr Michael White, Director, Economics and Policy Practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers Chair: Mr James van Smeerdijk, PricewaterhouseCoopers
10am	Perspectives on a 'practical vision for early childhood education and care' Professor Deborah Brennan, Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales Professor Collette Tayler, Chair of Early Childhood Education and Care, University of Melbourne Discussant: Dr Sharon Bessell, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU Chair: Professor Judith Bessant, RMIT University
11.15am	MORNING TEA
11.45am	International Perspectives Ms Naomi Eisenstadt, Department of Education, University of Oxford and former Director of Sure Start (United Kingdom) Ms Anne Meade, early childhood education consultant New Zealand's bold strategy for professionalising education and care following the integration of childcare into education Discussant: Ms Jayne Meyer Tucker, Good Beginnings Chair: Dr Ann Nevile, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
1.15pm	LUNCH
2pm	Book Launch: 'Providing a Sure Start: How government discovered early childhood' by Naomi Eisenstadt Ms Naomi Eisenstadt, Department of Education, University of Oxford and former Director of Sure Start (United Kingdom) Ms Julia Davison, Chief Executive, Goodstart Early Learning Associate Professor Adrian Kay, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU Professor Collette Tayler, Chair of Early Childhood Education and Care, The University of Melbourne Chair: Dr. Sharon Bessell, Director, Children's Policy Centre, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU
3.30pm	FINISH