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Childcare Minister Sam Gyimah has announced a [cross-government review on the costs of providing childcare](#). To support this, a [call for evidence has been launched](#) by the Department for Education that will gather information about the cost of delivering childcare places.

The call for evidence will close on 10 August and will report in the autumn.

PACEY will be submitting an official response to the consultation on funding of the early years entitlement using the findings of our Costs and Funding and Building Blocks surveys. We will also be sending out a new survey to ensure we are providing the very latest evidence in due course.

If you'd like to send in a [personal response to the consultation](#), you are welcome to do so. This is an important opportunity for you to shape the outcome of the funding review and tell Government about the real costs of providing high quality childcare that you provide every day.

The consultation is very broad and asks you to 'describe below your evidence on the cost of providing childcare'. Here are some thoughts that we hope you find helpful. Use these as a guide – you don't have to answer all of them, but we hope these questions will help you pull together your response.

- ★ Include any evidence you have of the average cost to you of providing one hour of quality early education and childcare for three and four year olds, two year olds, and one year olds?
- ★ What are the major costs you face in providing high quality childcare?
- ★ Do you experience a shortfall in the level of funding you receive for providing the early education entitlement? If so, how much?
- ★ If the EYE you receive is a shortfall on the cost of delivering that care, is there any action you are currently taking to offset the shortfall?
- ★ What support do you get to support your own training / training of any staff who work with you to ensure you can provide high quality childcare?
- ★ What are the main barriers you face in delivering the early years entitlement?
- ★ This consultation has been put together in the context of the Childcare Bill to extend the number of EYE places for 3 and 4 year olds to 30 hours a week. What is the impact that you think these additional hours could have on your income?
- ★ What are the main challenges that you will face in being able to deliver the 30 free hours?