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Your submission for this review:

The funding system for community based preschools is unnecessarily complex, changes every year and preschools never get enough advance notice of what the funding level will be. We commenced the enrolment process for 2024 in June, and families understandably would like to know what the cost will be - this is so they can make an informed decision regarding enrolment and budgeting. Now it is November and we are still unclear about how much funding we will receive next year and unable to provide families with definitive information regarding 2024 fees. 2023 funds are based on the 2022 children/data..... 2024 funds are based on the 2023 children/data..... 2025 funds will be based on the 2024 children, that I was paid the 2023 child census data funds for..... BUT I will have to pay back (during 2025) the "over payment" for the funds I got in 2024 (for my 2023 children) if over the data/payment for 2024..... Regarding children with disabilities, the notifications for additional support funding arrive half way through term 1 - ie AFTER the child has been attending for 5-6 weeks.