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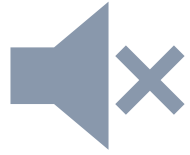


IPART Public Hearing

Out-of-home care costs and pricing

22 October 2024

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Opportunities for questions

Agenda

01 Introduction to the review

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Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Carmel Donnelly PSM
Chair

Introduction

We have been asked to investigate and report on the efficient costs of providing OOHC to children in NSW. We have also been asked to make recommendations on the pricing of different OOHC services, including the care allowance.



We have released a Consultation Paper and Interim Report. We are accepting submissions to our Interim Report.



We are currently engaging further with providers and carers to develop our Draft Recommendations.

What the Interim Report covers

Our Interim Report primarily focused on the current costs of OOHC to government and non-government providers, as well as the lived experiences of carers. We have made preliminary findings on:



Price structure



The costs of foster care for
DCJ and non-government
providers



Carers and the care
allowance

Preliminary findings on price structure



DCJ has limited visibility of the services delivered by non-government providers.

This makes it hard to compare the cost effectiveness of different delivery approaches.



There is a lack of clarity around what services are covered by each package and what additional services non-government providers can request top-up funding for.

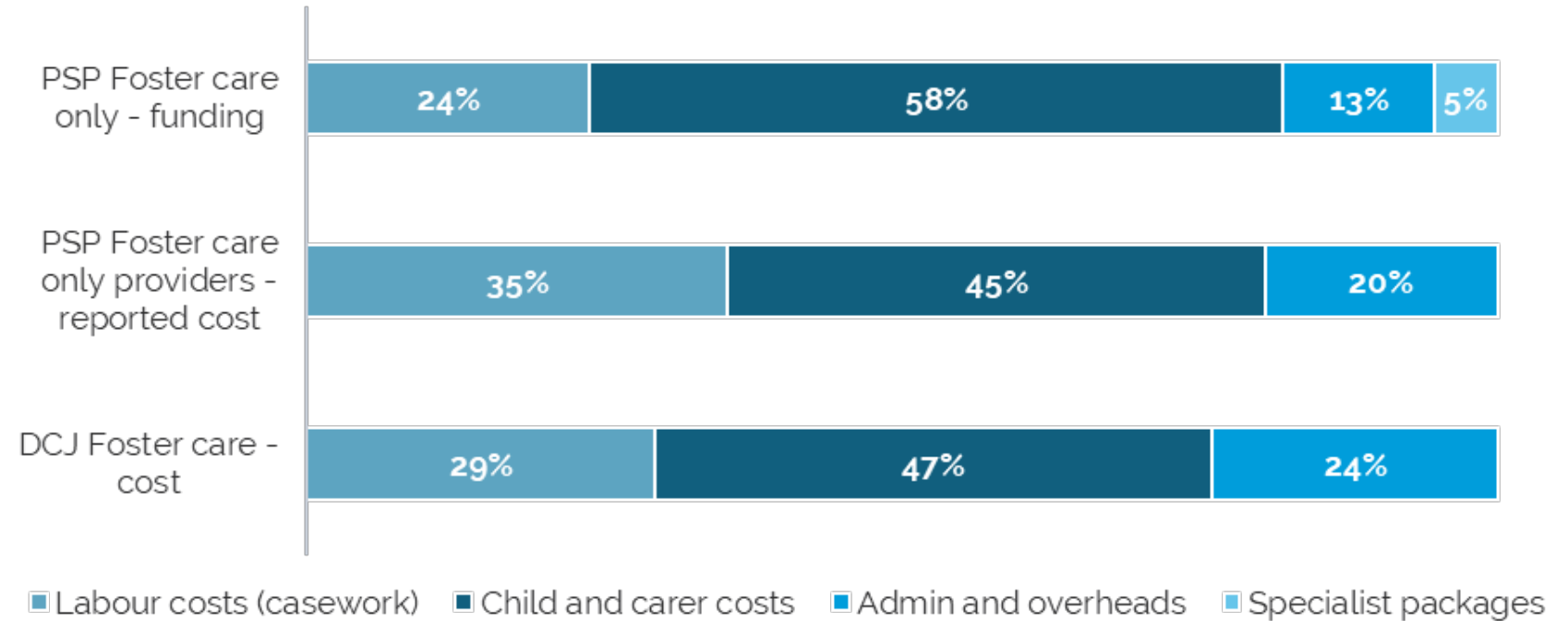
Preliminary findings on pricing levels

We heard that:

- funding for individual packages in the Permanency Support Program do not reflect the costs incurred by non-government providers in delivering OOHC
- funding for the care of Aboriginal children by ACCOs, and their transfer to ACCO delivered care, is not transparent and does not reflect the actual costs.



Preliminary findings on the cost of foster care



Preliminary findings on casework



Non-government providers
of foster care

Average actual caseload of 9



Department of Communities
and Justice for foster care

Average actual caseload of 17

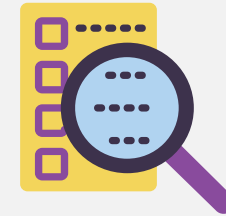


Non-government providers
care for a larger portion of
children with higher needs.

Preliminary findings on caring and the care allowance



The care allowance is out of date
and needs to be reviewed



There is a need for clearer guidance
and support for carers

Efficient costs and quality



Defining efficient costs for OOHC is complex



Many factors impact efficient costs



The least cost option may not be the most efficient

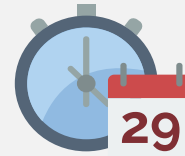
Questions



Next steps



To access our Interim Report, please scan the QR code.



We want to hear from you
Submissions to our Interim Report close **29 October 2024**

