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Rapid follow up survey: Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package

Thank you to the many services that responded to the ORIMA Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Relief Package survey. Over 7,000 services had their say – more than half the sector! The results showed that the Relief Package has helped over 80% of services to stay open, retain staff and continue to provide early childhood education and care.

The Australian Government is currently considering the Four Week Review of the Relief Package, with an announcement of the Government's response expected soon.

The Government is also considering the next phase of ECEC arrangements, in the context of [the Prime Minister's announcement on 8 May 2020](#) of a three step approach to reopening the Australian economy by July 2020.

To help inform this, the department has asked ORIMA Research to conduct a quick follow up survey of services next week.

There will only be a small window of a couple of days to respond, so you may wish to prepare ahead of time by:

1. Calculating how many children attended your service, and for how many hours, for each day over the week beginning **Sunday 10 May 2020**.
2. Engaging with families to find out how their circumstances are changing with the economy reopening and schools returning, to understand how much early childhood education and care they expect to need over the next few months.

Due to the short timeframe of this survey, the department will be using the same contact details as the previous survey and will be seeking responses at each service level online, including for large providers.

The department continues to also engage with ECEC peak bodies and directly with a range of providers and services to inform consideration of future arrangements.

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