



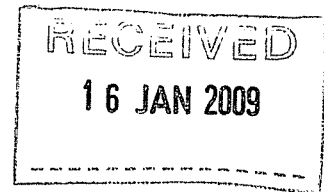
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Dear Nancy

Thank you for your letter received on 1 December 2008 concerning early childhood regulations.

As you will be aware, the 2008 early childhood regulations came into force on 1 December 2008. The government will be reviewing these regulations over the next six months, in consultation with parents and the early childhood sector. I wish to be sure that the regulatory system safeguards the health and safety of young children while at the same time minimising the compliance burden on early childhood services.

I hope that you will take the opportunity to provide feedback to the review of early childhood regulations when it gets underway early this year.

Yours sincerely

Hon Anne Tolley
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