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- The Government will pay 50 per cent of the sector's fee revenue up to the existing hourly rate cap based on a point in time before parents started withdrawing their children in large numbers, but only so long as services remain open and do not charge families for care.
- The funding will apply from 6 April based on the number of children who were in care during the fortnight leading into 2 March, whether or not they are attending services. The system will be reviewed after one month, with an extension to be considered after three months.
- This, along with the JobKeeper payment, means services can offer free education and care.
- Priority will be given to working parents, vulnerable and disadvantaged children that need early education more than ever and parents with pre-existing enrolments.
- The payments will be paid in lieu of the Child Care (CCS) and Additional Child Care Subsidy payments.
- The Morrison Government will also provide \$453.2 million for preschools in 2021
- National Cabinet is also considering short-term intervention for commercial tenancy arrangements.
- ECEC centres are essential services and should continue at this time, but with risk mitigation measures in place.

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