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Early education is a cross-cutting challenge that has significant social and economic impact. I have made decisions throughout my career based on the cost and access to childcare, decisions that have reduced my income and as a result reduced the contributions I have made to the economy in terms of productivity and taxation.

The continued privatisation of childcare has created a greater divide with a correlation between higher socioeconomic status and access to care. Children deserve equal access to care from to outset.