

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENT TABLE – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENT TABLE?

The Minister's Engagement Table (MET) is a strategic advisory forum where Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) sector leaders provide system level advice to government. The Table supports informed decision making by helping test assumptions, identify risks, and bring sector perspectives forward before changes are implemented.

WHY IS THE MET EVOLVING?



Feedback from MET members and sector partners consistently showed that the Table is valued and impactful, while also identifying opportunities to improve timing, role clarity, and representation. This evolution builds on what is working and makes targeted improvements so the Tables remains effective as the ELCC system continues to evolve.

IS THE MET BEING REPLACED OR DISCONTINUED?



No. The Minister's Engagement Table is continuing. This is an evolution of the existing Table - not a reset or wind down.

WHAT'S EVOLVING?



Key elements of the evolution include:

- A clearer mandate and role for the Table
- A refreshed approach to membership to support balanced representation
- Meeting timing and formats that better align with key decision points
- Clearer expectations related to participation, accountability, and confidentiality

These changes are intended to strengthen the effectiveness and impact of the Table.

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WHAT'S STAYING THE SAME?



- The MET remains a central forum for strategic dialogue between government and the ELCC sector
- The value placed on sector expertise, lived experience, and system-level perspectives continues
- The commitment to partnership, transparency, and respectful engagement remains unchanged

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?



Members are selected to reflect a balance of roles, regions, and lived experiences across the ELCC sector. Recruitment will be supported through sector organizations and an open call process to help ensure broad and inclusive participation.

WHEN WILL THE EVOLVED MET LAUNCH?



Recruitment and onboarding will take place in **Summer 2026**, with the evolved Minister's Engagement Table launching in **Fall 2026**.

HOW DO I APPLY?



Fill out a short application form here <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/6pXAzefC74>

WHO DO I REACH OUT TO IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?



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