Boosting kindergarten services

Victoria’s recent baby boom has seen a sharp growth in demand for kindergarten services. To meet the growing demand for kindergarten the 2010 State Budget provides:

• An additional $63.1 million over five years to meet the growing demand for kindergarten services resulting from Victoria’s recent baby boom

• An increase in the number of kindergarten places to 66,090 in 2010–11 (up from 62,500 in 2009–10)

• The additional 3,590 kindergarten places, will build on the extra 4,000 places funded in last year’s State Budget

• Funding provided will also ensure the kindergarten fee subsidy is provided to eligible low income families

• This initiative builds on the additional funding of $13.6 million in the 2009 State Budget and will help maintain Victoria’s high kindergarten participation rates.