

# \$10 a day child care in focus during leg first week <sup>[1]</sup>

Parents and child care providers in attendance at budget to urge province to sign on to extension.

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REGINA - The issue of the Canada Child Care Agreement was front and centre at the Legislature as it returned this week.

On budget day Wednesday, several parents, directors and child care workers were on hand to demand the province sign on to the agreement to extend \$10 a day childcare to 2031. Saskatchewan is one of only two provinces not yet signed on.

Joan Pratchler, MLA for Regina Rochdale and critic for Early Learning and Child Care, said it is “just too precarious now not to have this signed. These are uncertain times. Families need to know that they have child care so they can get to work.”

Pratchler said the consequences could be dire if the deal is not signed on. “Parents don't have certainty for child care, number one. Child care workers will be out of jobs, and centres will close. Rural, urban, northern, all over.”

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