

NSW urges calm over unlicensed child care [AU] ^[1]

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The New South Wales Government says parents should not be alarmed that some child care centres in the state are operating without a license.

In his report to state parliament, the auditor-general Bob Sendt identified some weaknesses in the licensing system by the Department of Community Services.

Community Services Minister Carmel Tebbutt says there are 15 centres that are operating while they wait for their licenses to be renewed.

Ms Tebbutt says while it is possible those licenses will not be reinstated, it is unlikely.

"If a child care centre hasn't got it's license renewed, it possibly means that the Department of Community Services representatives have not been inside that child care centre for up to three years," he said.

"I think a lot of parents would be very concerned that that hasn't happened, these are requirements which are just basic for safety and quality child care."

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