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## ASX Release

### A.B.C. Learning Centres to provide child care services for Defence families

A.B.C. Corporate Care Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of A.B.C. Learning Centres Limited (ASX: ABS), announced today it had signed a contract with the Department of Defence to provide child care services to Defence families throughout Australia.

A.B.C. Learning Centres CEO (Operations), Eddy Groves, said A.B.C. Corporate Care was proud to have been selected to provide Australia's Defence families with quality child care services.

"Our Defence personnel provide an invaluable service to our country and it is important that they are confident that no matter where they are posted in Australia they will have access to exciting and challenging early learning environments for their children," Mr Groves said.

Defence data indicated that there were approximately 15,000 Defence children in the child care age group and that a significant proportion of mobile Defence families were not able to access enough quality, affordable care in their posting locations.

Under the contract with A.B.C. Corporate Care, Defence families will have access to more than 650 centres in addition to the 19 child care centres that Defence currently operates. Through the National Enrolment Call Centre (1800 222 543) they will be able to book child care in advance of relocating to an area.

In addition, there will also be new Defence Corporate Child Care Centres developed under the contract at no cost to the Government.

Mr Groves said that the tender process over the past nine months has been extensive and during this time, and from providing services to Defence families over the past 17 years in our centres, ABC has come to understand the special needs and requirements of Defence families.

Other benefits to Defence families include the offer of employment opportunities for Defence partners working in the child care industry and the provision of training.

A.B.C. Corporate Care will offer continuing employment on the same terms and conditions that are currently received by existing staff.