

Early Childhood Education Research Needs

- Slides 2-5 referred to MOE *Questions of Interest* and the number of 4th Tranche ECE tagged projects addressing those questions.
- Slide 5 highlights some important areas for future research as indicated in the upcoming ECE Local Evidence Synthesis (LES)(draft version)

Need for Research as Identified in the Current LES (draft)

- Rigorous testing of intervention and professional development programs aimed at improving adults' abilities to notice and respond to children's levels of comfort, knowledge, and interest
- Develop and test programs for enhanced teacher-teacher and teacher-parent communication
- Examine the interplay between home and school environments
- Extend studies of ECE's effects upon child outcomes to capture a more diverse and wider range of preschool educational environments and classroom practices
- Examine the experiences of preschool children with developmental needs as well as their teachers, and to consider how these children can be supported in preschool environments.