

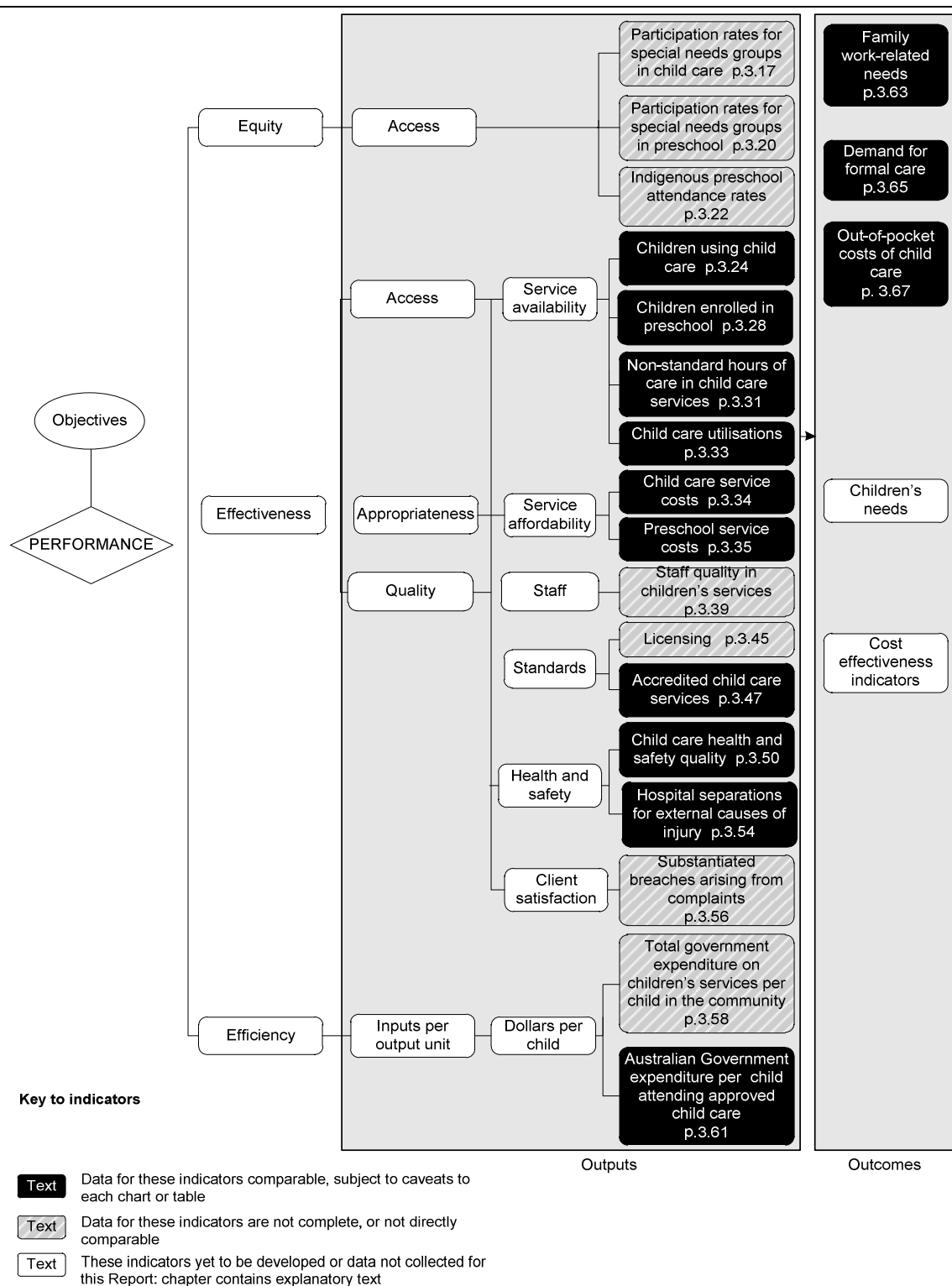
### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES (CHAPTER 3)**

- The focus of this chapter is on government funded and/or provided child care and preschool services for children aged 12 years or younger.
- In the March quarter 2011, 945 534 children aged 12 years or younger attended Australian Government approved child care services. In 2010-11, 117 615 children attended State and Territory funded and/or provided child care services and 224 699 children were enrolled in State and Territory funded and/or provided preschool services **(p. 3.11)**.
- Total Australian, State and Territory government expenditure on children's services was approximately \$5.4 billion in 2010-11 **(p. 3.9)**.

### **Objectives of children's services**

- Children's services aim to:
  - meet the care and education needs of all children in developmentally appropriate ways, in a safe and nurturing environment
  - provide support for families in caring for their children
  - provide these services across a range of settings in an equitable and efficient manner.

# Children's services performance indicator framework (figure 3.2, p. 3.16)



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