

AUTISM SERVICES — SOUTH WEST REGION

2977. Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Disability Services

I refer to the Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre in Warwick, and ask —

- (1) Will the Minister undertake to provide a similar Centre in the South West region?
- (2) If yes to (1), within what timeframe?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre in Warwick is a child care centre funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, as part of the Australian Government's 'Helping Children with Autism Package'.

Support for children with disability, including autism, in child care, is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Inclusion and Professional Support Program.