

CHILDCARE SERVICES — KARRATHA

1031. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) How many licensed childcare places are available in Karratha in the following categories —
 - (a) long day care;
 - (b) outside school hours care;
 - (c) occasional care;
 - (d) family day care; and
 - (e) in-house care?
- (2) How many of the places listed above, by category, are provided by the Pilbara TAFE in Karratha?
- (3) What is the estimated demand for childcare places in Karratha?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Community Services, I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The total number of licensed places for services in Karratha is —
 - (a) 155.
 - (b) 60.
 - (c) 20.
 - (d) 35.
 - (e) In-home care is not licensed, so figures cannot be provided for this category. Services are not required to notify the Department for Communities of actual utilisation rates so there is no information regarding available places.
- (2) Pilbara TAFE is licensed for a total of 15 long day care places made up of four places for zero to two-year-old children, four places for two to three-year-old children and seven places for three to six-year-old children.
- (3) The Department for Communities is unable to provide information regarding demand for childcare places.