

BYFORD COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN — ENROLMENTS

513. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to Byford Community Kindergarten, which is set to reopen next year after a period of closure that was required by the Department of Education, and its request for an exemption from the minimum enrolment intake for the 2019 school year. Will the minister and her department agree to the kindergarten's request; and, if not, why not?

Please give me a nice answer, minister!

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

I have been briefed on the unique circumstances of Byford Community Kindergarten arising from the bushfire risk in 2017 and 2018. I am considering this special case on its merits and expect a decision this week. When community kindergartens, including Byford, have fewer than the required projected enrolments, the department requires confirmation of these enrolments by 10 August 2018 and will consider an extension on a case-by-case basis.