

COMMUNITY KINDERGARTENS

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

I refer to community kindergartens.

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to community kindergartens in 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17 and 2017–18?
- (2) For each of the years referred to in (1), how many staff were allocated to community kindergartens?
- (3) What are the predicted savings expected to be achieved each year through the implementation of the new enrolment threshold?
- (4) How many staff are expected to be impacted through the implementation of the new enrolment threshold?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The following funding allocations to community kindergartens are for calendar years: 2013, \$4 389 861; 2014, \$4 152 463; 2015, \$3 549 705; 2016, \$3 272 691; and 2017, \$3 549 739.
- (2) The number of staff allocated to community kindergartens from 2013 to 2017 were: in 2013, 25.2 FTE teacher and 18 FTE education assistant; in 2014, 23.8 FTE teacher and 17 FTE education assistant; in 2015, 21 FTE teacher and 15 FTE education assistant; in 2016, 18.9 FTE teacher and 13.5 FTE education assistant; and in 2017, 18.9 FTE teacher and 13.5 FTE education assistant.
- (3) If recent enrolment trends at community kindergartens continue, predicted savings over the three financial years 2018–19 to 2020–21 are \$1.1 million.
- (4) It is expected to be 4.8 FTE.