

COMMUNITY KINDERGARTENS — ENROLMENTS

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

I refer to enrolment procedures for community kindergartens.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the principal from the relevant linked school is required to inform prospective parents of the option to enrol their child in a kindergarten program at either the linked school or the community kindergarten and must ensure that office staff provide similar advice?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that community kindergarten teachers can accept enrolment applications and these can be kept on the community kindergarten premises until the close of applications?
- (3) What requirements are placed on principals to advise a community kindergarten's parent management committee of enrolment numbers in a timely manner?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

(1)–(2) Yes.

- (3) The requirements of principals of linked schools are set out in the operational information for community kindergartens. It states —

Principals of the linked schools:

- manage enrolments in accordance with the Department's Enrolment Policy in liaison with the community kindergarten teacher and advises parent management committee of enrolment numbers and (with permission) names of all children;