

GRANDCARERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

448. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the government's announcement that it has reversed its mean-spirited decision and will now extend the grandcarers assistance program for an additional 12 months and during this time will review all programs provided to grandcarers.

- (1) When was the decision to conduct a review made?
- (2) Who made that decision?
- (3) Was that decision recorded in writing?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the minister table that document?
- (5) Who will conduct the review?
- (6) Have expectations, directions, terms of reference or similar been communicated to the reviewer in writing? ·
- (7) If yes to (6), will the minister table that document?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) As part of the Department of Communities' standard procurement planning process, internal discussions commenced in early 2018 about options to review the grandcarers program area, which comprises the grandcarers support scheme, grandcare service and the grandcarers assistance respite program.
- (2) At the request of the Minister for Community Services, on 12 June 2018 the Department of Communities provided advice on funding options for the grandcarers assistance respite program. On that date the minister approved additional grant funding for that program to maintain continuity of service provision while the review of the overall program area is conducted.
- (3) The internal process leading to the decision to review the program area is not documented.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The review will be conducted by the Department of Communities as part of the routine service review and design planning process.
- (6) A project plan for the review will be developed by the Department of Communities.
- (7) Not applicable.