

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE CENTRE

598. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to plans to put a 90-place commercial childcare centre on top of the multistorey car park on the new children's hospital.

- (1) Was consideration given to putting the tender for that childcare centre out to both not-for-profit community-based child care, as per the current successful childcare centre at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, and for-profit commercial childcare operators; and, if not, why not?
- (2) If consideration was given, why was it rejected?
- (3) Will consideration be given to any not-for-profit community-based childcare organisation that may express an interest in running the childcare centre at the new children's hospital?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1) The childcare centre in question is not part of the new children's hospital. It forms part of the separate Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre car parking project, which is being delivered by Capella Parking as a build-own-operate-transfer public-private partnership consistent with the QEIMC structure plan. BOOT respondents were encouraged to incorporate commercial opportunities into the new multideck car park. The 90-place childcare centre was included in Capella Parking's bid. No consideration was given to a separate tender process for a childcare centre.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Whilst the selection of an operator for the car park childcare centre is a matter for Capella Parking, Capella has indicated that not-for-profit community-based organisations will indeed be considered.