

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION — KINDILINK

1527. Hon Donna Faragher to the minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education:

- (1) I refer to the Kindilink play-and-learn initiative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are not old enough to enrol in school, and I ask: How many children were enrolled in Kindilink in the following years:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 (to date)?
- (2) Will the Minister list the schools which currently have a Kindilink programme on their site?
- (3) For each school with a Kindilink on their site, please provide a breakdown of the number of children enrolled in Kindilink in the following years:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 (to date)?

**Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:**

The Department of Education advises:

- (1) The number of children registered is:
  - (a) 2,298 – full year
  - (b) 2,131 – full year
  - (c) 1,768 – Semester 1.
- (2)–(3) [See tabled paper no 2536.] The schools with a Kindilink programme are also published on the Department of Education website.

Notes:

KindiLink children are registered, not enrolled.

Best efforts have been made to ensure the registration data provided is accurate and comparable.