

CHILD CARE — REGIONS

642. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education:

I refer to the answer provided to question without notice 588 asked on 13 June 2023 relating to page 521 of volume 2 of budget paper No 2 and the line item “Access to Regional Childcare” and the \$1.431 million estimated actual spend in 2022–23.

- (1) Noting that the minister did not provide a breakdown of how the \$1.431 million has been allocated, will the minister now provide a full breakdown of these funds?
- (2) Will the minister provide a breakdown of how the funding of \$355 000 was allocated in 2021–22?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Early Childhood Education.

- (1) Of the \$1.43 million in funds budgeted in the 2022–23 year, \$0.2 million has been allocated to local governments in regional areas to fund retention and attraction packages for childcare workers. The balance of the funds budgeted for the current and out years is planned as grant funding and is subject to a process to determine the recipient organisations, program durations, deliverables and public announcements. These details were estimated at the time of the initial funding allocation, and once the process is completed and allocations are finalised, the timing of the funding will be adjusted to allocate the full funding through the midyear review or budget processes.
- (2) The funding for the 2021–22 financial year has been disbursed to local government organisations to fund retention and attraction packages and a \$25 000 grant to one non-government organisation, totalling \$355 340.

A detailed breakdown is in tabular form and I seek leave to have that incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Shire of Carnarvon	\$35,500
Shire of Kojonup	\$25,000
Shire of Derby–West Kimberley	\$25,000
City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder	\$20,750
Shire of Moora	\$25,000
Shire of Mingenew	\$18,000
Shire of Pingelly	\$18,250
Town of Port Hedland	\$37,500
Shire of Ravensthorpe	\$18,000
Shire of Dardanup	\$25,000
Shire of Shark Bay	\$25,000
Shire of Wyndham–East Kimberley	\$17,340
Shire of Wongan–Ballidu	\$25,000
Shire of Goomalling	\$15,000
Little Nuggets CCC in Halls Creek	\$25,000

Hon Donna Faragher: It took two goes!