

PRESCHOOL REFORM FUNDING AGREEMENT

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

I refer to the answer provided to question without notice 458 asked on 10 May 2023 regarding the national Preschool Reform Funding Agreement that references work being in progress to contract an appropriate entity to receive, administer and distribute the early childhood education and care sector's "funding to follow the child" or FTFC for 2023.

- (1) When is a contract for an appropriate entity to receive, administer and distribute the early childhood education and care sector's FTFC expected to be finalised?
- (2) Can the minister advise when the sector is expected to receive its funding for 2023?

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. The Department of Communities advises the following.

- (1) Negotiations are continuing with an appropriate entity and a contract is likely to be finalised by 31 August 2023.
- (2) The early childhood sector is expected to receive funding for 2023 by 31 December 2023.