

EDUCATION — CHILD AND PARENT CENTRES — KIMBERLEY

3720. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

I refer to the Minister's response to Question On Notice No. 3198, and I ask:

- (a) do any of the Children and Family centres located in the Kimberley service Broome;
- (b) was consideration given to the establishment of a Child and Parent centre in Derby;
- (c) if no to (b), can the Minister explain the reasoning behind that decision;
- (d) was consideration given to the establishment of a Child and Parent centre to be located anywhere in the Kimberley;
- (e) how many Child and Parent centres are located in regional Western Australia;
- (f) what was the criteria followed when deciding the locations to build these Child and Parent centres; and
- (g) list the reasons why Broome and Derby did not meet the criteria to receive a Child and Parent centre?

Mr J.H.D. Day replied:

- (a) No.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Five Children and Parents Centres are located in regional Western Australia.
- (f)–(g) A number of data sources were used to develop a list of potential school sites to locate the centres, including:
 - low socio-economic areas (SEI less than 94);
 - Australian Early Development Census data;
 - NAPLAN Year 3 reading results;
 - the percentage of Aboriginal children within the community;
 - school 'readiness' and current involvement with external agencies providing birth to four-year-old programs on school sites;
 - information from Regional Executive Directors;
 - discussions and negotiation with a range of government agencies, such as the Department of Health;
 - availability of school land and/or classrooms from which to base the centres;
 - the existence (or not) of Commonwealth-funded initiatives, such as the Children and Family Centres and Early Learning and Care Centres in the area.

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