

HOPETOUN AND RAVENSTHORPE - DAY CARE FACILITIES

937. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Minister for Communities:

I refer to the government's support for development in the Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe areas.

- (1) Why has the state government not matched the funding commitment by the federal government to establish a day care facility?
- (2) When will funding negotiations between the Department of Communities and other agencies be completed?
- (3) What amount is the state government expected to contribute to establish a day care facility in Hopetoun?
- (4) What is the estimated time frame for the establishment of such a facility?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1) The state government has contributed \$18 million towards the building of infrastructure in the Hopetoun and Ravensthorpe areas. It is exploring funding options to support the establishment of a childcare service. The government is examining all possible options to ensure that the childcare needs of the families in those areas are met.
- (2) As soon as possible.
- (3) The amount is subject to current discussions.
- (4) As soon as possible.