

CHILD CARE, ON-SITE FACILITIES

1736. Mr BROWN to the Minister for Family and Children's Services:

- (1) Is the Minister aware of a recent report from recruitment firm Morgan and Banks which showed a high percentage of employees (both men and women) said they would prefer on-site child care facilities to be provided?
- (2) What action is the Government/Minister/Department of Family and Children's Services taking to promote on-site facilities in-
 - (a) the State public sector;
 - (b) Local Government;
 - (c) in the private sector?
- (3) What success has the Government/Minister/Department of Family and Children's Services had in having such on-site child care centres established?
- (4) How many such on-site child care centres have been established since 1 July 1998?
- (5) What are the-
 - (a) companies; and
 - (b) locations,of such centres?

Mrs van de KLASHORST replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2)-(3) The Commonwealth has responsibility for funding of work related child care. 352 long day care centres are approved by the Commonwealth to provide work related child care. The Department of Productivity and Labour Relations has developed information kits for employers to assist them in the development of work and family initiatives including Family Friendly Work Practices, Parental Leave, Establishing a Family Room in the Workplace and Home Based Work
- (4) No on site child care centres have been licensed by the department since 1 July 1998.
- (5) Not applicable.