

OUTSIDE-SCHOOL-HOURS CHILDCARE SERVICES

777. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Education and Training:

- (1) Does the minister support the federal government's outside-school-hours childcare service for families with primary school aged children?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) What is the state government's policy on the provision of outside-school-hours care at state schools?
- (4) Will the minister explain why fewer than 20 per cent of these services are delivered from state schools in Western Australia compared with almost 60 per cent of all outside-school-hours care places nationally?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) It is government policy that school facilities and resources are made available for use by the community. Out-of-school-hours care falls within the parameters of this policy.
- (4) The Department of Education and Training has recently been made aware of the percentage of out-of-school-hours services provided on school sites. In relation to this matter, the department is collaborating with the Department for Community Development and the Western Australian Primary Principals Association to discern the most appropriate way forward.