

NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY CENTRES

620. Mrs A.K. HAYDEN to the Minister for Community Services:

I have a supplementary question. As the minister has extended the funding process for three months, with another apparently three months to be added onto that, is the minister aware of the level of distress this is causing the community members and the staff who work in these community centres by not being able to simply just sort out this basic funding, and how long is this going to take?

Ms S.F. McGURK replied:

As I said, I suggest that the member, as the opposition spokesperson for community services, find out about the tender process and find out about the periods of funding. All of those extensions have been at the request of the sector so that we could extend the consultation, and the overwhelming feedback I have is that that consultation has been positive. There is now a set period of time for the tender process to finish.