EDUCATION AND TRAINING — PLAY-BASED LEARNING

599. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the answer given to question on notice 1661, answered on 1 November 2018, outlining the work undertaken by the minister’s parliamentary secretary regarding play-based learning.

(1) Has the parliamentary secretary completed her consultations with stakeholders and schools; and, if yes, will the minister provide the final list of all stakeholder meetings and/or school visits undertaken by the parliamentary secretary?

(2) What is the scope and current status of the work being undertaken by the parliamentary secretary, and when is it expected to be completed?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question, and I thank the parliamentary secretary for the work she did at my request. Madam President, there is a very long list of organisations that were consulted and schools that were visited, so may I ask that that part of the answer be incorporated into Hansard?

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

(1) Yes. Consultation occurred with:

- public school teachers and administrators;
- Western Australian Primary Principals’ Association;
- Commissioner for Children and Young People;
- Western Australian Council of State School Organisations;
- the Department for Communities;
- the Association of Independent Schools WA;
- Catholic Education WA;
- Edith Cowan University;
- Curtin University;
- University of Western Australia;
- Murdoch University;
- University of Notre Dame;
- Early Childhood Australia;
- Playgroups WA;
- Play Australia;
- Nature Play WA;
- Family Day Care Association of WA;
- Early Years in Education Society;
- WA Childcare Alliance;
- Carewest;
- Wanslea Family Services;
- Telethon Kids Institute;
- State School Teachers’ Union of WA; and
- United Voice

Schools visited:

- Currambine Primary School;
- Melville Primary School;
- Dianella Primary College;
- Edney Primary School (High Wycombe);
- Creaney Primary School (Kingsley);
- Springfield Primary School Kallaroo;
- Baynton West Primary School (Karratha);
- Kingston Primary School (Australind);
- Pinjarra Primary School;
- Mount Lockyer Primary School (Albany);
- Huntingdale Primary School;
- Kalgoorlie Primary School;
(2) The parliamentary secretary has completed her work in this area. The document “Importance of play-based learning” was published on the Department of Education’s website on 12 March 2019. If the member would like a hard copy, I am happy to provide her with one.