

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE CENTRES

Petition

MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle) [9.02 am]: I also have a petition that has been checked by the Clerk and complies with the standing orders. It reads —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say the cuts announced in the 2016 State Budget, which removed accommodation assistance for 33 community-based early childhood centres, could mean these centres will be forced to close.

These centres provide high quality care, are not for profit and provide an important community hub around early childhood education and care.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Liberal Government to give these centres and the hundreds of families who rely on them certainty and reverse the decision to cut the accommodation assistance.

There are 2 436 signatures on those petitions. I note that we have some supporters in the gallery.

[See petition 419.]

Nonconforming Petition

Ms S.F. McGURK: There are also 60 signatures on a petition that is non-complying, bringing a total of 2 496 signatures.

The SPEAKER: You can table the complying ones, thank you.