

Question on Notice

No. 904

Asked on 21 August 2018

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to Early Childhood Development Program Centres (e.g. Musgrave Hill State School)—

Will the Minister advise (a) what the future will be for such centres in the coming years and (b) will the government commit to maintaining this vital early intervention service?

ANSWER:

As previously stated in my response to Question on Notice 642 in April 2016, to provide certainty to families during the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) transition, the then Minister for Education, the Honourable Kate Jones MP, made a commitment that the Department of Education will continue to operate Early Childhood Development Programs (ECDPs) until at least 2020, when a review will determine if they are required in the longer term. During this time, children can continue to access ECDPs such as at Musgrave Hill State School, regardless of their participation in the NDIS.

The review will assess how successful the transition to the NDIS, which funds Early Childhood Early Intervention supports, has been and whether ECDPs are required long-term.

Queensland's transition to the NDIS is expected to be completed by 1 July 2019.