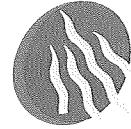




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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 12 February 2009 regarding the Petition No 1197-09 Beachmere Kindergarten.

As part of the *Toward Q2* Early Childhood Program, our Government has committed to establishing an additional 240 kindergarten services across Queensland by 2014.

Furthermore, an Office for Early Childhood Education and Care has been set up within the Education Portfolio to coordinate early education programs including the additional 240 kindergarten services.

Work is progressing on assessing potential locations for these services throughout Queensland. The needs of the Beachmere area will be assessed as part of this statewide assessment.

The information that is provided in the wording of the petition will be of assistance to the Office for Early Childhood Education and Care in the assessment process.

If you would like further information, you can contact Mr David Shearer, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Office for Early Childhood Education and Care on telephone (07) 3239 0530 or by email at [David.Shearer@deta.qld.gov.au](mailto:David.Shearer@deta.qld.gov.au).

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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