

Question 1:

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Could I just ask one follow-up? Thank you for your attendance. You are probably the most skilled at this kind of remote evidence of any witnesses we have. You said there were, I think, seven schools that did not have reliable connection to Far West. Could you, on notice, provide us with a list of what those schools are?

Mrs NIELSEN: Yes, we certainly will—and there may be more; that is off the top of my head. But yes, I will let you know.

Answer to Question 1:

These are the list of satellite schools:

These schools are the schools that ICPA (Isolated Children's Parents' Association) have been alerted to through our members:

- Louth
- Wanaaring
- Clare
- Narradin
- Booligal
- Enngonia
- Weilmoringle
- North Star

Question 2:

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE:

Will you provide the Committee on notice the 10 schools that you identified since 2014 for pre-schools?

Mrs NIELSEN:

Yes, in 2014 we identified Weilmoringle, Wanaaring Vale, Marra Creek, Ferndale, Pooncarie, Clare, White Cliffs, Tibooburra, and Palinyewah, down near Wentworth. I have certainly got it in my notes, I can send it to you.

Answer to question 2:

- Clare
- Palinyewah
- Marra Creek
- Louth
- Wanaaring
- Weilmoringle
- Carina
- Hermidale
- White Cliffs

- Tibooburra

Also another town has been brought to our attention as needing a preschool

- Ivanhoe

Following is the explanation for the rationale used by the ECECD to compile their list of villages which require preschool access to be established.

“To be eligible for the start strong community safety net (SS CSN) program communities must meet the following criteria:

- Have an Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) classification of very remote
- Have no more than ten preschool age children within the community
- Be identified by the Department as not having access to an early childhood education program.
- Be 70km or more from an existing early childhood education service”

Weilmoringle was established in 2018

Louth established in 2019

Wanaaring to be established by the end of 4th term 2020

Question 3:

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS:

Sorry, I have one final question. You have given us a list of 10 preschools you have identified. Can you tell us on notice where the Government has indicated that it will do that? I know that you provided that to our last inquiry, so it would be useful to us to have that updated list. That would be very helpful.

Mrs STRACHAN: Not a problem. We can do that.

Answer to Question 3:

- Bulla
- Kulwin
- Ivanhoe
- Hungerford (NSW)
- Milparinka
- Tibooburra
- Tilpa
- Noona
- White Cliffs
- Marra Creek