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Dear Mr Wood *Simon*

Thank you for your Constituent Question on Wednesday, 22 May 2024, asked as follows:

Residents in the north-east have been seeking information on the proposed Early Childhood Family Learning Centre that the government has announced and will be built in Scottsdale. They are excited about the new space this will create to support local families across the entire region and are asking when the project will proceed and when and how decisions will be made with its location.

I am pleased to provide the following response:

As part of the Liberal Government's 2030 Strong Plan for Tasmania's Future, we are investing in more quality childcare and early education for Tasmanian Families and are excited about the prospect of having four new supersized Child and Family Learning Centres (CFLC) operating in our State.

The new Scottsdale CFLC is part of a \$32 million investment by this Government, to build four supersized CFLC's that will offer a range of early childhood services and supports for families and children from 0 to 5 years of age. The other CFLCs will be located at Huonville, Smithton and Longford.

Internal planning work has already commenced and a Local Enabling Group is being established to guide the development of the new Centre and ensure the services and facilities are tailored to the needs of the Scottsdale Community. This group will consist of key stakeholders, including community members and local leaders, and will provide advice on factors including the location of the new Centre.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Education