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Petition No. 81

P-81 Bill 10 Child Care Modernization Act (Sessional Paper No. P81) Mr. Pettapiece.
(Tabled December 1, 2014)

Response:

The government has been consulting with the public for two years on its child care modernization plan.

In June 2012, the government asked the public and its partners to comment on its Modernizing Child Care in Ontario: Sharing Conversations, Strengthening Partnerships, and Working Together discussion paper. One of the major areas where feedback was sought, was to develop and implement a modernized legislative and regulatory framework.

The government received approximately 400 submissions from parents, licensed and unlicensed child care providers, Early Childhood Educators, and other child care partners from across the province.

The government also established a Provincial-Municipal Working Group to receive advice and input on the development of new legislation that included a series of meetings focusing on the key sections of the Bill in the Fall of 2013.

The ministry also heard from approximately 150 unlicensed providers and parents about Bill 143 in response to the regulatory registry posting from Winter 2014 about the proposed regulatory changes under the current legislation.

The ministry has also responded to approximately 140 correspondents including a number of unlicensed providers regarding Bill 143 and Bill 10.

Additionally, in response to feedback received following the introduction of Bill 143 in the

last parliamentary session, the ministry revised the language in the proposed legislation when it was re-introduced in July 2014.

Pursuant to Standing Order 47, public hearings were held on Monday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 18, 2014 to consider further advice and input from interested citizens and groups. When public hearings were held dozens of child care providers, both licensed and unlicensed, as well as experts, parents and day care administrators made depositions in person, and more than two hundred submissions were received.

As a result of these recent public consultations at Committee, several amendments were made to Bill 10.

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Hon. Liz Sandals