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Memorandum

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Re: **Additional Information - Standing Committee on Human Services
April 3**

Further to the April 3 discussions at the Standing Committee on Human Services, below is information I committed to provide.

Report back on updated demographic information stated on page. 4 of *Saskatchewan's Early Years Plan*.

As reported by Statistics Canada, the increase in the number of children aged four and younger in Saskatchewan since 2008 has remained unchanged with an increase of 23 per cent:

Saskatchewan	2008	2018	% Change
0 to 4 years	63,330	78,040	23.2%

Statistics Canada. Table 17-10-0005-01 - Population estimates on July 1st, by age and sex

The Early Years Plan cites the 2006 Census which indicated approximately 30 per cent of children aged zero to four in Saskatchewan were First Nations and Métis. The 2016 Census reported that approximately 26 per cent of children aged zero to four were First Nations and Métis.

Saskatchewan	Total pop	Aboriginal Identity (on and off reserve)	%
All ages	1,070,560	175,020	16.3%
0-4 yrs	72,369	19,020	26.3%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-400-X2016154

The Early Years Plan stated that for every increase of 100 children in the province, 44 are new Canadians, and that almost 10,000 immigrant children aged one to nine arrived in Saskatchewan from 2008 to 2014. Updated statistics indicate that for every increase of 100 children in the province, 56 are new Canadians, and that approximately 16,900 immigrant children aged one to nine arrived in Saskatchewan from 2008 to 2017.

What is the percentage of KidsFirst participants who transition into Prekindergarten programs?

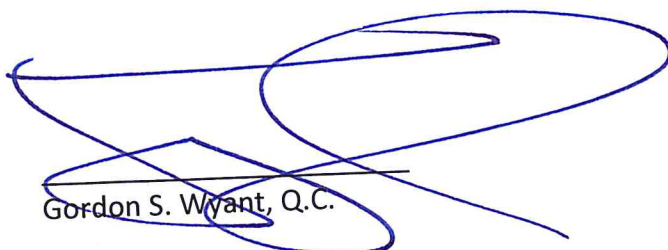
In the 2019-20 fiscal year, the Ministry of Education will begin to electronically collect information from KidsFirst program sites about the number of children who transition from KidsFirst into Prekindergarten programs.

What is the percentage of new childcare spaces by category for the 1295 increased licensed centre spaces that are to be developed by 2019-20?

The province's action plan for the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Agreement commits to increasing centre based spaces for children under 6 years of age. The breakdown of the 1,295 new child care spaces allocated through the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Agreement to be licensed by March 2020 is as follows:

Age Category	Definition	Number of Spaces	%
Infant	A child who is six weeks of age or more but less than 18 months of age	100	7.7%
Toddler	A child who is 18 months of age or more but less than 30 months of age	426	33%
Preschool	A child who is 30 months of age or more and who does not attend school, but includes a child who attends kindergarten	769	59.3%
		1,295	

Please contact my office should further clarification be required.



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