

BULLYING IN HIGH SCHOOLS — STUDENT SERVICES PROGRAM

2662. Hon Matt Benson-Lidholm to the Minister for Energy representing the Minister for Education

In light of the increased incidences of bullying in Western Australian Schools, I ask —

For Senior High Schools and District High Schools in regional Western Australia —

- (1) How are student services structured and delivered?
- (2) How many FTEs are allocated to student services?
- (3) What funds were allocated to students services in the areas of programmes and FTEs for the following financial years —
 - (a) 2008-09;
 - (b) 2009-10; and
 - (c) 2010-11?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

- (1) Principals make local decisions about the way student services are structured and delivered in their school. The decisions are dependent on the student population and their needs. Schools have a staffing profile, school grant and supplementary funding through the School Support Programs Resource Allocation. Schools allocate staffing and funding according to their local needs. All schools have access to the School Psychology Service and Student Services support through the local district office.
- (2) Schools may choose to have a range of staff working in this area including Student Services Coordinators, Year Coordinators, Mentors, School Volunteers, Chaplains, School Nurses, Attendance Officers and others. These positions are funded from the individual school's staffing allocation and/or supplementary funding and grants.

Staffing allocated to programs in rural senior and district high schools across the state from district or centrally funded programs include:

- School Chaplaincy program — 32.2 chaplain FTE across 50 schools
- School Nurses — 47.05 FTE
- Participation Coordinators — 20.5 FTE
- Classroom Management Strategies — 9.2 FTE
- School Psychology Service — school psychologists are currently appointed through the district office. Some schools also choose to fund additional school psychologist time.

The following school psychologist FTE is allocated to rural education districts:

<u>District</u>	<u>FTE</u>
Albany	6.7
Bunbury	9.6
Esperance	5.6
Goldfields	2.4
Kimberley	4.8
Midlands	6.6
Mid-West	7.6
Narrogin	4.8
Pilbara	7.1
Warren-Blackwood	5.8

- (3) (a)-(c) School Support Programs Resource Allocation funding may be used for Student Services staffing and programs in addition to their staffing profile and allocation of School Psychology Service and School Nurse time. The total SSPRA funding allocated to regional senior high schools and district high schools is:

2008/09 — \$4 931 739

2009/10 — \$7 170 709

2010/11 — \$7 921 647

Please note that the School Support Programs Resource Allocation commenced in 2009. For 2008/09 the funding includes Behaviour Management and Discipline Strategy funding for

January to June 2008 and School Support Programs Resource Allocation for July to December 2009.