

WOODBIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, TEMPORARY RELOCATION

**763. Hon LOUISE PRATT to the Minister for Housing and Works:**

The minister would be aware of the temporary relocation of the Woodbridge Primary School to Midland after the discovery of contaminated soil on the site. What is planned in the design of the new Woodbridge Primary School that is in line with the Labor Government's commitment to sustainable development, what is its cost, and when will it be completed?

**Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:**

I appreciate the question as it provides the opportunity for the House to learn about the new designs to be incorporated in the Woodbridge Primary School. The designs incorporate many sustainable and water-wise features that will be welcomed in that community, and also will be seen more widely around the State. The original two-classroom building built in 1934 will be retained, and new energy efficient buildings will replace the transportable and prefabricated buildings. The buildings are designed and orientated to reduce heat loads - passive roof ventilators will be provided to facilitate natural air flow - and skylights will increase natural light. Many water-wise initiatives have been incorporated in the design, such as the planting of indigenous trees and water-wise plants in the grounds to be reticulated from the school bore. That is a feature I am commending to all public works across Western Australia, and will be a feature of many of the public works for which I am responsible. Flow restrictors have been fitted to taps and shower heads. Of interest to some members perhaps is the fact that the urinals have an automatic flushing system and time-restricted toilet taps. There will be no opportunity to leave taps running. Perhaps that is too much information for some members. All these provisions will help minimise water consumption, which is an important public issue on which this Government has a real focus.

The project consists of five separate building blocks containing eight general classrooms, three preprimary classrooms, an art and craft room, a music room, a covered assembly and canteen area, a library resource area and a new administration and staff room. The ground developments include landscaping, car parking, playing fields and hard courts. The relocation of the school to Midland took place during October 2002 to enable the remediation works to be carried out and they should be completed by late June 2003. Tenders close on 17 April 2003. Construction is due to commence on the site in early June 2003 with the school ready for the start of the school year in 2004. The anticipated total project costs are \$4.35 million.

*Point of Order*

Hon PETER FOSS: Either that was a rather lengthy answer or it was a ministerial statement; in which case I move -

That the ministerial statement be made an order of the day for the next sitting of the House.

Hon Tom Stephens: There is no point of order. You are out of order, Foss!

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! There is no point of order, although the point has been made.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*