

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REWARDS, FAST FOOD VOUCHERS

406. Hon HELEN HODGSON to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is the minister aware of programs being operated in some government schools in Western Australia that reward children for school attendance with vouchers for fast food, such as hamburgers?
- (2) Does the minister support programs that reward students with fast food vouchers?
- (3) Will the use of the vouchers be permissible under the provisions of the School Education Act 1999 and the accompanying regulations with regard to advertising in government schools?

Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The provision of encouragement or rewards for children to attend school is sometimes warranted. Schools use a range of strategies and reward programs.
- (3) The School Education Act 1999 and regulations will not preclude the use of rewards such as vouchers.