

EDUCATION — CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**85. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Education:**

- (1) Do any Western Australian schools for children with special education needs (e.g. intellectual disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy and sensory impairments) run school holiday programs on their sites?
- (2) If so:
  - (a) which schools;
  - (b) what programs have been run at each site in 2012 and 2013 to date;
  - (c) what programs are planned for the rest of 2013 and 2014;
  - (d) who runs these programs;
  - (e) what is the cost of each program; and
  - (f) who is eligible to participate in these programs?
- (3) Where special education needs schools are not running school holiday programs on their sites, what other activities are taking place on these sites during school vacations?

**Hon Peter Collier replied:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (a)–(f) [See paper 399.]
- (3) In addition to the programs described in the response to (2), Therapy Focus therapists use the pool at Carson Street School for hydrotherapy.

Durham Road School — Therapy Focus run therapy sessions for students.

Gladys Newton School — Therapy Focus run therapy sessions for students who do not attend this School. Bike track and bikes used for bike clinic. Therapy Focus provide some therapy training sessions for therapists

Mirrabooka Senior High School Education Support Centre — Therapy Focus has been offered use of one building for the July 2013 school holidays. This will be the home base for a range of students enrolled in a program to learn to travel independently on public transport.

College Row School — Students with disabilities can attend hydrotherapy programs at the school pool during holidays and when the pool is open for the public. During school holidays, some students and their families access the school house for respite purposes. These families also have keyed access to the school yard at this time to use play equipment; only under the supervision of their paid respite carers.