

MARGARET RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

599. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to Margaret River Primary School.

- (1) When will a covered walkway be provided to the transportable classrooms that were erected facing south and exposed to the weather?
- (2) When will the power supply be upgraded to overcome the continual interruptions to computers and other equipment?
- (3) When will a site for a new school to cater for the demand be secured?
- (4) When will this dated, overcrowded school be replaced or at least given a major upgrade?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Department of Education and Training has no current plans to provide a covered walkway adjacent to the transportable classrooms at the school. However, the school may wish to consider funding the provision of a covered walkway with its school-based minor works funds.
- (2) It is understood that power outages have been experienced in localised areas of the school as a result of having too many computers connected to one residual current device. Arrangements have been made for a contractor to investigate this matter this week.
- (3) A future primary school site has been earmarked in the new Rapids Landing subdivision, south east of Margaret River. It is anticipated that this land will be transferred to the Department of Education and Training in about 18 months.
- (4) Margaret River Primary School will continue to be considered in relation to the needs of other schools when the details of future capital works programs are being compiled.