

SCHOOL COMPUTER ACQUISITIONS — FEDERAL FUNDING

930. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) How much money has the federal government allocated per computer for the purchase of school computers?
- (2) How much money has the federal government allocated per computer for the installation costs of computers in schools?
- (3) What is the total amount allocated to the state by the federal government for computer purchases?
- (4) What is the total amount allocated to the state by the federal government for the installation costs of computers in schools?
- (5) How much state money has the Western Australian government budgeted to spend on computers in schools this financial year?
- (6) How much federal money will be passed on for each computer to individual schools?
- (7) How much of the federal computer funding will be retained centrally by the Department of Education and Training and not passed on directly to schools?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) An amount of \$1 000 has been allocated for each computer.
- (2) An amount of \$1 500 has been allocated for each additional computer. The funding has been provided in advance from 1 July 2009 and has been discounted for net present value. The net effect is that \$1 100 has been provided for each additional computer.
- (3) The federal government has provided an initial estimate of \$47.452 million for computer purchases over four years, from 2007 to 2011, to be confirmed annually, based on the student census.
- (4) An amount of \$47.156 million has been allocated for on-costs for the additional computers.
- (5) No state funding has been provided for computers purchased under the national secondary school computer fund. However, schools will receive approximately \$19 million to purchase computers and other ICT equipment this financial year, subject to student census details.
- (6) An amount of \$1 000 per computer has been allocated, totalling \$47.452 million, depending on numbers of students.
- (7) An amount of \$47.156 million will be held centrally and spent equitably across schools to enable the connection of computers.