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KALBARRI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL — EXPERT REVIEW GROUP INVESTIGATION

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

I refer to the operations of the Department of Education's expert review group.

- (1) Can the minister confirm the presence in Kalbarri this week—that is, the week commencing yesterday, Monday, 31 October—of the expert review group?
- (2) Why is the expert review group conducting investigations at Kalbarri District High School this week, as indicated in recent correspondence received by certain local residents?
- (3) To what extent will the broader Kalbarri community be invited to contribute to the expert review group investigation?
- (4) When does the expert review group expect to report to the Director General of the Department of Education?
- (5) Will that report be made available to the general public; and, if not, why not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) The expert review group is undertaking a performance inquiry of Kalbarri District High School this week, commencing Tuesday, 1 November 2011.
- (2) Each term, the Deputy Director General, Schools commissions the ERG to undertake performance inquiries at a range of schools. This particular inquiry is aimed at improving the quality of relationships and communication both within and outside the school.
- (3) The review team will spend up to two days in the school during the performance inquiry, engaging the school community, consulting the regional executive director, principal, teachers and parents and community members.
- (4) The report will be forwarded to the Deputy Director General, Schools within one week of the completion of the enquiry.
- (5) A copy of the report is provided to the principal and the regional executive director. Members of the general public can obtain copies of the report from the principal or the regional executive director.