

BUNBURY LOCAL AREA EDUCATION PLANNING

**462. Hon BOB THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Education:**

I refer to education planning for Bunbury and Eaton.

- (1) Will the minister table a copy of the Bunbury local area education planning committee's final report to him?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) Will the new high school planned for Eaton cater for years 11 and 12 students, if that is the wish of the parents?
- (4) If not, why not?

**Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) Yes. I table a copy of the Bunbury local area education planning consultation report.
- (3)-(4) Recently the minister announced a new years 8-10 secondary school for Eaton to open in 2003 to relieve accommodation pressures at Australind High School. It is envisaged that the students will continue their post-compulsory education at Australind High School. The consultation report indicated that a years 8-10 school is the preferred option from the draft plan. This option includes a reference to the school becoming a years 8-12 school at a later date. If warranted by student numbers and supported by the community, provision of years 11 and 12 at Eaton High School will be considered at a future date.

[See paper No 517.]