

EARLY DEVELOPMENT SURVEY, JOONDALUP, WEST COAST AND SWAN EDUCATION DISTRICTS

1580. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education and Training
- (1) Did the Joondalup, West Coast and Swan Education Districts contribute to the North Metropolitan Health Service survey which was conducted using the Early Development Instrument (EDI)?
 - (2) If yes, what was the total amount of the financial contribution and to whom or which agencies was the money paid?
 - (3) What personnel and resources were contributed?
 - (4) Did the Department of Education and Training make any other financial or resource contribution to the survey?
 - (5) Does the Department of Education and Training or any of the Education Department districts involved have ownership of any of the survey outcomes?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

- (1) Yes. Both the West Coast (incorporating Joondalup) and Swan Education Districts have contributed to the implementation of the Early Development Instrument (EDI).
- (2) The Department of Health contributed all financial costs towards the implementation of the EDI in 2003, including the provision of half-day teacher relief for those teachers involved in completing the survey.
- (3) The Department of Education and Training provided in-kind support through the participation of school and district based personnel and in the provision of administrative assistance.
- (4) Yes. The Department, through the West Coast Education District contributed \$2500 towards the pilot of the EDI in 2002.
- (5) Yes. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health, Department of Education and Training and McMaster University (Canada) enables joint ownership of the aggregated data.