

SCHOOLS — LOOSE PARTS PLAY PROGRAM

1080. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Education:

I refer to recent media reports about the loose parts play program being introduced into selected schools in Western Australia.

- (1) Which schools in the south west region are trialling the program?
- (2) What is the cost to schools of the program?
- (3) How is the trial being evaluated?
- (4) Does the government plan to expand the program if evaluations are positive?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

I cannot provide this today; I will provide it as soon as I can. The reason for that is it is a commercial program, so the department will have to ask all the schools in the south west whether they are using the program. As soon as I get that information, I will provide it to the house.