

SCHOOLS, CLEANING CONTRACTS

528. Hon TOM STEPHENS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) What is the current value of contracts for school cleaning in Western Australian government schools?
- (2) What, if any, variations and additional costs have been made to the contracts since they were signed?
- (3) What is the current total expenditure on contract cleaning in state schools?
- (4) What was the cost of cleaning state schools before contracting out?
- (5) How many state schools do not have cleaning done by contractors?
- (6) What is the current total cost of cleaning schools where the cleaning service has not been contracted out?

Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Education Department has numerous cleaning contracts in place. The time remaining on these contracts varies, but can be as long as five years. The total value over the life of all current cleaning contracts is \$174m.
- (2) Contract variations occur due to the movement of transportable classrooms, annual contract reviews and, in some cases, as a result of capital works.
- (3) The expected total contract cost for 2000-01 is approximately \$29m.
- (4) The total annual cost of the day labour work force prior to the commencement of contract cleaning in 1996 was \$37m.
- (5) At November 2000, 174 Education Department sites.
- (6) The current cost of cleaning in schools through day labour is \$226 000 a fortnight. The total expected expenditure for 2000-01 is \$5.9m.