

EDUCATION, DIRECTOR GENERAL, APPROVAL OF MINISTER FOR MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS
OF PARLIAMENT

422. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Education

- (1) Is the approval of the Minister necessary before a Member of Parliament is able to meet with the Director General of Education?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is yes -
 - (a) why is the approval of the Minister necessary;
 - (b) how long has it been a requirement that Minister's approval is necessary in order for a Member of Parliament to meet with the Director General;
 - (c) by what authority is this approval required;
 - (d) what is the purpose of requiring the Minister's approval;
 - (e) on what grounds will the Minister not approve a meeting;
 - (f) on what grounds will the Minister approve a meeting;
 - (g) what other meetings of the Director General require the approval of the Minister; and
 - (h) on what basis can a Member of Parliament carrying out their duties have a meeting with the Director General that does not require the approval of the Minister?
- (3) Does the Minister receive advice on what is discussed at meetings between the Director General and Members of Parliament?
- (4) If the answer to (3) is yes, does the Minister receive such advice on all meetings attended by the Director General?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

- (1) No
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) No
- (4) Not applicable