

SOUTH BUSSELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, STAFF

357. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) How will staff be selected for the new South Busselton Primary School?
- (2) On what policy is the selection process based?
- (3) What consideration will be given to displaced staff at the other primary schools in the area, namely Vasse, Busselton and West Busselton primary schools?

Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) South Busselton Primary School is a new school and the majority of its teaching staff will be appointed by local merit selection process. The remainder of staff will be selected from permanent employees who have been displaced from their current schools.
- (2) Appointments will be made in accordance with the standards and guidelines for the school-based merit selection of classroom teachers in new and selected schools involved in the flexibility in schools program.
- (3) All teachers displaced from their current schools are given employer-initiated placement status, which entitles them to priority placement in vacancies filled through central placement processes. Approximately 20 per cent of vacancies at South Busselton Primary School will be filled through central placement processes. Any teachers still surplus to requirements at Vasse, Busselton or West Busselton and who are not placed at South Busselton will be placed in accordance with their personal preferences and organisational needs.