

LOCAL AREA EDUCATION PLANNING, BUNBURY EDUCATION AREA

407. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Education and Training:

Further to question without notice 326 asked on Wednesday, 12 May 2004, which identified the three high school options for the Bunbury local area education planning process, I ask -

- (1) When will these options be put to the public for consultation?
- (2) What is the time frame for this public consultation and subsequent phases before a final decision is made?
- (3) In the meantime, what action will be taken to address the immediate problems associated with the overcrowded and outdated facilities at Newton Moore Senior High School and Bunbury Senior High School in particular?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The answer provided by the minister is as follows -

- (1)-(2) The district director for the Bunbury education district will present the options to the school planning and infrastructure committee on Thursday, 10 June 2004. If supported, they will then go to the director general. If approved, the options will then be forwarded to the minister for endorsement for public consultation.
- (3) At the commencement of the 2003 school year, Newton Moore Senior High School moved into new and upgraded facilities at a cost of \$1 million. Similarly, Bunbury Senior High School has received a new design and technology centre worth \$1.8 million and will receive a library upgrade in 2004 worth \$340 000.