

NEWTON MOORE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, ABORIGINAL PROGRAM

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

I refer to the Aboriginal program at the Newton Moore Senior High School.

- (1) Does the minister acknowledge that -
 - (a) two staff involved with the program have left recently, one on stress leave and another who resigned claiming lack of support;
 - (b) the head of the learning area responsible for coordinating the program must now perform these duties as an add-on to other duties rather than as a specific role;
 - (c) at no stage has a level 3 program coordinator for the Nyoongah program been advertised or appointed, which is contrary to previous answers given to parliamentary questions; and
 - (d) the whole program, which is losing ground, has effectively been abandoned?
- (2) What does the minister intend to do to reverse the decline and rebuild the program at the high school?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

The answer provided to me by the minister is in the following terms:

- (1)
 - (a) Only one staff member left in March 2004. That staff member was an Aboriginal education liaison officer.
 - (b) There is no level 3 head of learning area for Aboriginal education.
 - (c) The level 3 program coordinator was advertised and appointed as the level 3 Follow the Dream coordinator.
 - (d) The Aboriginal program is still operating at the school.
- (2) Not applicable.