

MERREDIN PRIMARY SCHOOLS — AMALGAMATION

**1218. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Education:**

I refer to the amalgamation of primary schools in Merredin onto the high school site.

- (1) Where will the funding be sourced to complete the proposed amalgamated primary schools on the high school site as a K-12 school?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that the project will result in a single transition for both primary schools to the new site?
- (3) Will the minister reassure the Merredin community that the primary school will be geographically separated from the secondary school, in line with the community view expressed at a community meeting held in Merredin on 15 October this year?
- (4) Will the minister support the community to use its school amalgamation steering committee to plan the school to reflect community needs?
- (5) Will the minister provide the details of successful operating examples of where a K-12 model is utilised throughout the state?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) It is yet to be announced.
- (2) Yes, the intention is that there will be a single transition.
- (3) A school amalgamation steering committee is working with the department to provide advice on issues raised.
- (4) All views will be taken into consideration, including the advice of the school amalgamation steering committee.
- (5) The following public schools operate using a K-12 model—Kununurra District High School; Bullsbrook District High School; Mount Barker Community College; and Dalyellup College, which is still developing. Many private schools also use this model.