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MARGARET RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

930. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is the minister aware that enrolments at Margaret River Primary School are growing by nine per cent each year, with predictions that more than 1 000 students will be enrolled at the school by the end of 2018?
- (2) Is the minister still of the view that transportable classrooms are adequate to cater for this massive growth?
- (3) How many transportables are currently in use at the school?
- (4) Why is the minister delaying an announcement about moving the school to the new site at Rapids Landing?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of that question, and someone is not keeping up, are they?

(1) Yes. This is why I announced on 4 September 2015 that a new school would be built at Rapids Landing to accommodate the expected growth —

Hon Ken Travers: So she got you to actually respond!

Hon PETER COLLIER: Pardon?

Hon Ken Travers: She got you to act! She's done well.

Hon PETER COLLIER: As I said, this is a week ago. Members opposite have to try to keep up!

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! Do not interrupt anything to do with Margaret River, please!

Hon PETER COLLIER: It just shows how effective Hon Sally Talbot is. She is correct; a week late but that is all right. I will start again. The answer is —

- (1) Yes. This is why I announced on 4 September 2015 that a new school would be built at Rapids Landing to accommodate the expected growth in the area. The new school will open in 2018. It will be a magnificent new state-of-the-art \$16 million school.
- (2) Transportable classrooms at Margaret River Primary School will accommodate increasing enrolments until the new school opens.
- (3) There are 11.
- (4) Margaret River Primary School is not being moved. I announced on 4 September 2015 that a new \$16 million primary school would be built at Rapids Landing. I know that you will be delighted with that, Mr President!

The PRESIDENT: Absolutely!