

SCHOOLS — PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PROGRAM

**565. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Education:**

- (1) How many schools now deliver the protective behaviours program; that is, the program which complies with the recommended requirement of the Gordon inquiry and the Department of Education's child protection policy?
- (2) How many schools have developed their own mechanism; that is, mechanisms other than the protective behaviours program, to deliver a preventive curriculum to their children?
- (3) Did the Country High School Hostels Authority conduct protective behaviour education for all students at its residential colleges in 2014 and 2015?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

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

- (1) All public schools implement preventive curriculum. This is required by the Department of Education's child protection policy. The protective behaviours program is one of the preventive curriculum programs schools could use.
- (2) Schools make local decisions aligned to the needs of their students that meet the requirements of the child protection policy. The department does not collect information on the particular preventive curriculum programs that schools choose to use.
- (3) Protective behaviours training was provided for all students attending Country High School Hostels Authority residential colleges in 2014. The program for delivery of protective behaviours education for all students attending residential colleges in 2015 is underway, and is expected to be completed by the end of term 2, 2015.