

SCHOOLS, UPGRADE

**415. Hon TOM HELM to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Education:**

- (1) Will the parliamentary secretary advise if, in the article in *The West Australian* dated 10 October 2000 regarding upgrades of schools, the minister deliberately omitted to mention schools built prior to 1960?
- (2) Will the minister confirm he promised to upgrade John Curtin Senior High School performing arts facilities and then advised the school it would be at its expense without having discussed the expenditure with the parents and citizens association?

**Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The minister did not deliberately omit to mention schools built prior to 1960. A number of the schools which were allocated funding under the recently announced four-year \$40m secondary school refurbishment program were established prior to 1960.
- (2) No. An amount of \$2.5m will be allocated in the second year of the four-year \$40m secondary school refurbishment program to provide upgraded performing arts facilities at the school. This allocation is not dependent on the sale of the school land.