

QUESTION ON NOTICE 5943 — EDUCATION — INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

6302. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Education and Training

I refer to the Minister's response to question on notice No. 5943, regarding recommendation 10 of the Western Australian Aboriginal Health Research Report, and I ask —

- (1) For the year 2008, which schools are or will be participating in formal partnership agreements with Indigenous communities to facilitate the achievement of educational success for Indigenous students?
- (2) In the schools where there are not significant numbers of Indigenous students to warrant a formal partnership agreement, how will the Department ensure those Indigenous students are supported to achieve the best possible results from their education?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

- (1) In April 2008, professional development in facilitating the School and Community partnership process was conducted for a number of principals and Aboriginal education managers from the Canning, Goldfields, Kimberley, Midlands, Mid West, Narrogin, Pilbara and Swan districts.

Schools will be selected to begin the School and Community Partnership process following consultation between the Directors of Schools and the facilitators from the identified districts. Consultation has commenced and the process will be implemented later in 2008.
- (2) All schools are required to monitor the outcomes of Indigenous students in their self-assessment processes and to develop plans for improvement. These plans are presented to the School Council and overseen by the local Director of Schools. Individual documented plans are required for all students at educational risk and parents are encouraged to be involved in the development and monitoring of these plans.