

MARGARET RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

621. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Education:

- (1) How many students are currently enrolled at Margaret River Primary School?
- (2) How many students were enrolled at Margaret River Primary School in 2012, 2013 and 2014?
- (3) Is the minister aware of concerns that the quality of education at Margaret River Primary School will suffer unless overcrowding at the school is relieved by fast-tracking the building of a new school at Rapids Landing?
- (4) What is the planned date for the opening of a new school?
- (5) Will the minister now bring this date forward?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1)–(2) In 2012 there were 632 students; in 2013 there were 786 students; in 2014 there were 832 students; and in 2015, there were 832 students. The 2015 number is for kindergarten to year 6. The numbers for all other years are for kindergarten to year 7. The 2015 number is based on the annual semester 1 student census of full-time students and the headcount for kindergarten.
- (3)–(5) The Department of Education is aware of the enrolment growth being experienced at Margaret River Primary School and has ensured that there is adequate accommodation available through a combination of permanent and transportable classrooms. There is capacity on site for additional transportable classrooms. Transportable classrooms have been used for decades throughout the state's public schools, as they provide flexibility in catering to students' needs as population demands change. Transportables offer a high standard of accommodation, are air-conditioned and are equipped to provide a comfortable and well-resourced educational environment. A site for a new primary school has been acquired by the department at Rapids Landing.