

SCHOOLS — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — MANDATORY REPORTING

428. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse requirements has been extended to include all boarding supervisors including those working in non-government and Catholic schools?
- (2) If so, has training been provided to all these boarding supervisors; and if not, how many have received the training and when will training of all staff be completed?
- (3) If training has been delivered, who provided it?
- (4) If training has not been delivered, why has it not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Department of Education provided training to all boarding supervisors at both residential colleges and agricultural colleges. This occurred between July 2015 and April 2016. Support and further training for residential facilities will continue.

Questions regarding training at Catholic Education Commission schools and other non-government schools should be directed to the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia and other system organisations or individual non-system schools. However, I am advised that as of 10 May 2016, training has been delivered to all Catholic Education Commission school boarding supervisors and all other non-government school boarding supervisors are expected to complete the training by the middle of 2016.
- (3) Training for boarding supervisors working in government schools was provided by the Department of Education. Catholic Education WA is providing training to Catholic Education Commission boarding supervisors. The Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia is providing training to member non-government schools in Western Australia.
- (4) Although all schools are endeavouring to schedule mandatory reporting training as soon as possible, this scheduling is at the discretion of individual schools.