

STUDENT ABSENCES — PARENTAL SMS ALERT

1029. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the SMS alert system used by schools to inform parents of a child's absence from school.

- (1) Will the minister confirm that funds for this system have been withdrawn; and, if not, what is the current situation of funding schools to use and maintain this system?
- (2) If funds have been withdrawn, does this decision apply to all Western Australian government schools; and, if not, to which schools does it apply?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) I am advised by the Department of Education that funding for the SMS alert system used by schools to inform parents of a child's absence from school has not been withdrawn.
- (2) Not applicable.