

EDUCATION — FEDERAL FUNDING

**907. Dr A.D. BUTI to the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's comments in the house yesterday when he claimed that Western Australian schools will receive more money under the new school funding agreement with the federal government. He stated —

For the year that matters, next year, that is an extra \$31 million.

- (1) How does the Premier explain the figures that federal Liberal Christopher Pyne provided today that showed that for the 2014 school year Western Australia received the same amount of funding on offer under the previous Labor deal?
- (2) Will the Premier now acknowledge Christopher Pyne's public statement made today and apologise for misleading the house yesterday?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:**

- (1)–(2) I have not got my notes in front of me, but the latest offer by Kevin Rudd was \$137 million over four years. The Abbott government and federal minister Christopher Pyne have offered \$120 million over four years; however I am advised that \$18 million has already been paid so it matches or slightly exceeds the offer of the Labor government.