

NARROGIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**249. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Education and Training:**

During a visit to Narrogin Senior High School last year, the then minister, Hon Alan Carpenter, MLA, and the Director General of the Department of Education and Training indicated that the design and technology facility at the school was to be replaced with a new and updated centre.

- (1) Will the minister please advise whether this will occur?
- (2) When will it occur?
- (3) Has consultation taken place, or will consultation take place, with the school on the plan and design of the centre?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I met with members from the Agricultural Region a couple of days ago. We had a very successful meeting on capital works and a range of other issues relating specifically to agricultural education. May I say how impressed I was by the level of interest and enthusiasm of people who represented agricultural education? I want to put that on record. It really highlights the importance of rural and regional education. The gentlemen I met explained to me the miles that they needed to travel to participate in meetings, for example. They travel many miles to attend meetings and to support their local school communities. I was very pleased to have met with them and very pleased to be able to assist them. In response to the specific question -

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Completion is anticipated by mid-2006.
- (3) Consultation will take place with the school on the design of the centre.