

SCHOOLS — VIOLENCE

**303. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Education:**

I have a supplementary question. I agree with the minister that violence is unacceptable. Can the minister understand how teachers are being driven out of the profession?

**Dr A.D. BUTI replied:**

As the member says, it is completely unacceptable, that is why we engage with staff members and unions. Would the member for Roe, being a well-known union hater, be engaging with the various unions in regard to this matter?

**Ms L. Mettam:** Just ignore it.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** Ignore it? Why would the member ignore such an important question? I am asking the alternative education minister: Would he consult unions? Would you?

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, you have been asked the question; it is your job to respond, not to try to provoke interjections.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** Will the member for Roe consult the unions? Is he consulting the unions?

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, can you go on with your answer and stop asking questions of the opposition, please.

**Dr A.D. BUTI:** As I say, this matter is incredibly serious. We take it very seriously. We have a 10-point plan. We are revisiting that. We will consult the unions, staff members and various associations to try to improve that.