

SCHOOLS — TEACHER WELLBEING

688. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Education:

I have a supplementary question. If there are not salary increases in the offing, will the minister at least pay relief teachers at regional and remote schools the same allowances that mainstream teachers receive?

Dr A.D. BUTI replied:

The member is really all over the place. The premise of the member's first question was that our teachers are nearly the lowest paid in Australia. I just proved that he is wrong. Now he is starting on something completely different. We pay our teachers very well. As members know, yesterday I talked about the attraction and retention incentive program for remote schools. The number of schools involved has increased to 66 throughout Western Australia. We are instigating many, many measures. Who is saying that teachers are not to receive a pay rise? The member will just have to wait and see.

The SPEAKER: Before I give the member for Kingsley the call, the rule is that the supplementary question should be directly related to the original question asked or directly related to the answer that has just been given. Although it was definitely related, it was not directly related to the original question, nor was it directly related to any part of the minister's answer. I ask you to bear that in mind. As I said yesterday, we initiated having supplementary questions so people could ask that direct question to get that bit of extra information about the original question or what had originally been asked or a part of the minister's answer.