

KOOLBARDI EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL, COLLIE

7091. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

In relation to the Koolbardi Early Childhood School, which is an Aboriginal Pre-School in Collie that supports Aboriginal Children located at Amaroo Primary School, I ask:

- (a) how much funding has been allocated for the 2012 school year;
- (b) how many teachers will be attached to Koolbardi next year;
- (c) what specific programs are going to be offered in 2012;
- (d) will the Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ATAS) continue to operate next year and will it be provided for students attending Koolbardi;
- (e) will Koolbardi be opened the same amount of days and for the same times as other pre-primary schools;
 - (i) if not, why not;
- (f) will the school bus still be attached to Koolbardi, and if so;
 - (i) will it be available to take the children to and from school; and
 - (ii) will it be used to transport children with disabilities to after school activity programs?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I am advised by the Department of Education as follows:

- (a)–(b) Funding for the 2012 school year will be in the form of a 0.7 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) teacher, 0.6 FTE Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer and a 0.6 FTE education assistant.
- (c) A Kindergarten program of 15 hours will be offered in 2012.
- (d) The Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ATAS) is operating in 2012. However, ATAS is available to students in Years 4 to 12.
- (e) The Koolbardi Aboriginal Kindergarten provides a Kindergarten program, not Pre-Primary. The Koolbardi Aboriginal Kindergarten will be open for four days per week and will deliver a 15-hour Kindergarten program. Program times will be the same as those offered in 2011. All other Kindergartens in the South West will deliver 15-hour Kindergarten programs in 2012.
 - (i) Not applicable.
- (f) Amaroo Primary School leases a bus which is available for use by the Koolbardi Aboriginal Kindergarten. The school administration will make decisions regarding the use of the bus in consultation with the community.