

SCHOOLS — WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

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

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister satisfied that the process he has outlined is duly followed across our schools?

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

Does the member have any particular school in question? The Department of Education, the director general and those who work under the director general are very clear in their obligations. A number of checks, policies and rules are in place to provide a safe environment for our children. Can I guarantee it is 100 per cent foolproof? Of course I cannot. No-one can in any industry. But I can tell the member that there is very robust, clear sight, from the director general down, of the obligations and what needs to be done in circumstances in which children may be in harm's way.