

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — CONSULTANTS

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

I have a supplementary question. Once again, why are we spending taxpayer money on New Zealand consultants for education? If it were rugby union, I would understand.

Dr A.D. BUTI replied:

When looking at an inquiry, we want a fresh pair of eyes. Often we summon someone from outside the jurisdiction to observe what is happening in our jurisdiction, someone who is not clouded by previous experiences, prejudice and personal relationships within the jurisdiction. I stand by what the Department of Education has done and I look forward to its report.