

LIQUOR RESTRICTIONS IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES — GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

3726. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Education

I refer to the Minister for Racing and Gaming's media statement of 4 August 2010 in relation to liquor restrictions in Aboriginal communities, and ask:

- (a) what extra services falling within the Minister's portfolio, and over and above those in place prior to the establishment of liquor restrictions, will be put in place in these three communities to ensure their underlying problems are addressed;
- (b) what extra services, over and above those in place prior to the establishment of liquor restrictions, have been put in place in the other restricted communities in Western Australia; and
- (c) if no extra services have been put in place, why not?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

Department of Education

(a)-(b) Nil

- (c) As part of normal practice the schools in these communities routinely provide a range of pastoral care and other student services to address identified student needs. Within-school support can include assistance with clothing and food.

Schools have access to the services of a range of personnel, including school psychologists, community health nurses and chaplains. School psychologists provide consultation and, through the school principal, direct services for students and their families. In addition, when the services of another agency are deemed to be needed, referral to inter-agency service providers will occur.

Curriculum Council

(a)-(b) Nil

- (c) Not applicable to the Curriculum Council.

Department of Education Services

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