

GERALDTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL - TEACHER SHORTAGES

271. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

Can the minister explain why the Geraldton Senior High School missed out on extra funding to help combat teacher shortages when the college is still short of an English teacher for years 10 and 11 and a social studies teacher for year 10?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

Technically, the subject is “society and the environment” rather than “social studies”.

Hon Kim Chance: It changed in 1956.

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH: Yes. I thank the member for some notice of his question, and I provide the following response.

Geraldton Senior High School did not meet the criteria as agreed by the Department of Education and Training. However, the department continues to monitor schools with shortages with a view to considering, on a case-by-case basis, them for extra funding. The department is currently reviewing the staffing situation at Geraldton Senior High School.