

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

2019-20 Budget Estimates hearings – Questions prior to hearings

Department of Education

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Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

1. I refer to page 327 of Budget Paper No. 2, Volume 1, in which the Details of Administered Transactions table contains the line item 'Students at Risk', and I ask:

- a) Why has the budget flat-lined at \$1,273,000 over the forward estimates, particularly given that actual spend in 2017-18 was significantly higher at \$1,289,000;

Answer: The annual budget for this item has been fixed at \$1 273 000 since 2015-16 and remains fixed at \$1 273 000 across the forward estimates. The 2017-18 actual expenditure reflected a minor increase of \$16 000 due to a one-off increase in one of the grants paid under this line item. It is not anticipated that the funding allocation of \$1 273 000 will be exceeded for 2018-19.

- b) How much has been appropriated for the costs associated with coordination and implementation of the multi-agency protocols for education options for young people charged with harmful sexual behaviours.

- i. How much was appropriated for 2018-19

- c) Since the introduction of the protocols, for how many individuals has the department applied the protocols to; and

- d) Of (c) on how many occasions did the department decide that the appropriate education option for the individual was:

- i) To remain at school (their current school);
- ii) To remain at school (but move to another school);
- iii) To change to the School of Isolated and Distance Education (not at Department of Education site);
- iv) To change to the School of Isolated and Distance Education (at Department of Education site);
- v) To change to an Engagement Centre or alternative; and
- vi) The department has not yet reached a decision?

Answer: b) to d) not applicable. The line item the Member refers to is not associated with the multi-agency protocols.

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