

CARINE PRIMARY SCHOOL — OUT-OF-SCHOOL-HOURS CARE SERVICE

**750. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the Minister for Education:**

I refer to the request by some parents of students at Carine Primary School for an out-of-school-hours care service provider to run a service on site.

- (1) Given that there is suitable accommodation on site for this service, why was the proposal rejected?
- (2) Given that the children of many working parents attend Carine Primary School, will the minister consider asking the school board to reconsider this proposal?
- (3) What policies or guidelines are currently in place to assist school leaders and school boards assess whether an out-of-school-hours care service would be suitable for their school?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) Guidelines for the establishment of a deed of licence for the purposes of out-of-school-hours care provide principals with a decision-making process based on risk and availability of suitable facilities for the duration of the proposed licence, and that the use does not interfere with the normal operations of the school, as prescribed in the School Education Act 1999.

The principal and school board reviewed the possibility of an out-of-school-hours care program on the school premises but the proposal was rejected by a unanimous decision, on two occasions, due to the lack of relevant space and the potential impact on student learning programs and activities.