

SCHOOLS — MOBILE PHONES

**1022. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Minister for Education and Training:**

- (1) With the end of the school year fast approaching, has the minister or her department taken any serious action toward implementing my suggestion from 26 June 2019 that Western Australia follow the example of the Victorian state government and, from the start of next year, ban mobile phones in schools during the school day?
- (2) If not, does the minister have any intention to implement such a ban in the future considering the support the idea received in this house previously; and, if so, when; and, if not, why not?

**Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Minister for Education and Training.

- (1)–(2) We are in the process right now of consulting with schools that have mobile phone bans in place and their communities, including parents, students and school leaders, as well as unions and the professional associations, about what a potential statewide mobile phone policy might look like. The minister expects to make an announcement soon.