

SCHOOLS — ANTI-VAPING TOOLKIT

**501. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to an article in *The West Australian* of Friday, 10 June 2022, titled “WA Government hoping new scare campaign will teach kids the real dangers of vaping”.

- (1) What is the total cost of the campaign and how much funding is the Department of Education providing?
- (2) What was the total cost to produce the WA Schools Anti-Vaping Toolkit, version 8?
- (3) Will the Department of Education have any input into the second phase of the campaign, which includes a digital component to target teenagers?
- (4) What materials and training will schools receive, and will all teachers and staff at schools have access to the materials and training?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. In addition to the information that is provided in answer to his specific questions, I make the point that I do not accept the premise of that headline—that it is a scare campaign. It is deliberately considered, based on health advice that was developed in New South Wales and is currently used by the New South Wales departments of health and education, working together. I consider it a factual education campaign; I do not accept that it is a scare campaign. Having said that, some of the ingredients in vaping devices are not good for anyone.

- (1) To date, the campaign has been delivered through existing department resources.
- (2) The cost of producing the WA School Anti-Vaping Toolkit is estimated at \$50 000.
- (3) Yes. The Department of Education will continue to work closely with the Department of Health.
- (4) All teachers and staff will have access to the following materials and training: general background information on e-cigarettes and vaping; a teaching and learning resource aligned to the Western Australian curriculum; an anti-vaping toolkit, comprising fact sheets, posters and newsletter content; information for young people, parents and carers and schools; and a recorded professional learning presentation for school staff, developed in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Cancer Council of WA.