

EDUCATION — SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

**1064. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to article in *The West Australian* of Wednesday, 18 September 2019 titled “Big bucks theory for teachers”, which outlines a plan by the state government to employ trainee teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics pathways.

- (1) What criteria will these students be assessed against to determine their suitability to become trainee STEM teachers?
- (2) How many teachers does the department intend to engage through this process?
- (3) How will this program be delivered in regional high schools?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(3) The proposed plan to employ science and maths graduates in secondary schools while completing the second and final year of their Master of Teaching qualification is in the initial planning stages. Preliminary discussions have been held with the five Western Australian universities. When the proposal has been further developed, I am happy to provide the member with a briefing or to update the house more generally on the detail of the program.