

EDUCATION — DEPARTMENTAL AMALGAMATION

Question without Notice 452 — Answer Advice

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Minister for Education and Training) [5.13 pm]: I have undertaken to provide Hon Donna Faragher with information on her question without notice 452 asked on 23 August. I now have that information and I would like to provide that to the honourable member.

- (1)–(2) The Department of Education has advised me that the scheme of the act, through sections 228 and 229, along with section 151, provides that there may be two chief executive officers and departments assisting the minister with the administration of the act. The wording of these sections also allows for a single chief executive officer to be appointed pursuant to section 229 for the administration of the act other than part 4, and also for the same chief executive officer to be appointed, pursuant to section 151, for the administration of part 4 of the act. These are enabling provisions that do not preclude one chief executive officer having dual authority.