

MOORA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE — CLOSURE — FUTURE PLACEMENTS

76. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the minister's comments in Parliament on 14 March 2018 regarding Moora Residential College, and I quote —

We have put in place a case management group to work with every single one of those families to identify the best alternative for their children.

Further, she said —

We will assist them to do that in a way that means they do not incur any additional costs.

- (1) What parameters has the minister set for the department as to the form of support and/or alternative education options that can be offered to families?
- (2) In reference to (1), does this include offering to place students from Moora Residential College at the top of the waiting list at the Cunderdin WA College of Agriculture?
- (3) What is the current waiting list at the Cunderdin WA College of Agriculture?
- (4) Will the minister list all of the education options and supports that have been offered to families to date; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Following the government announcement that Moora Residential College would close in 2019, I requested that the department meet with all parents with children at the college and offer support to ensure the best possible schooling and residential pathways for their children. This support includes: information as to options that are available at regional secondary schools, including agricultural colleges; mapping of individual student educational pathways to courses and programs available at alternative senior high schools with residential colleges; development of a profile of each student's educational needs; meetings with individual families and students to discuss alternative education locations suitable to their pathway; identification of required transition support; and reimbursement of any out-of-pocket expenses, including costs associated with uniforms, books and travel.
- (2) No. Any parents with children at Moora Residential College interested in applying for a place at an agricultural college for 2019 will be supported with the application process by staff from the regional office if requested. These applications will be considered along with all other applications for the college. The process will be consistently applied for all applications and for all students at the five colleges, including Cunderdin.
- (3) The Cunderdin WA College of Agriculture does not have a waiting list.
- (4) Support has focused on identifying schools and residential colleges that meet the educational needs of students. This information will assist parents to make the best decisions about their children's future education. I refer the honourable member to my answer to part (1) of this question.