

BOARDING AWAY FROM HOME ALLOWANCE

1143. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the review of the boarding away from home allowance. What are the terms of reference and expected timetable of the review of the royalties for regions component of the allowance?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

The royalties for regions boarding away from home allowance is supplement evaluation sought to assess the extent to which improved financial support and assistance is provided to parents of students in regional Western Australia who have no practicable alternative to boarding away from home to attend school. The RFR BAHA supplement evaluation has been completed by independent consultants and forwarded to the Department of Regional Development for consideration.