

MOORA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

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

I refer to the minister's decision to close Moora Residential College.

- (1) Why did the minister not consult with the Moora community about her decision prior to the announcement by press release on 13 December 2017?
- (2) Can the minister confirm that she advised a delegation from Moora that she would meet with the Minister for Regional Development to discuss the college and options for funding under royalties for regions; and, if yes, what was the outcome of those discussions?
- (3) Why is the minister not prepared to listen to the Moora community, which voiced its opposition again today, and allow the college to remain open?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for her question.

- (1) The announcements that we made in December gave everybody involved 12 months' notice of the decisions that we were making. We did not go out and consult ahead of that. These decisions were made in respect of fixing up the appalling set of finances that we were left to deal with, but we did it in a way that gave people 12 months' notice.
- (2)–(3) I did meet with a delegation from Moora, including the shire, representatives from the P&C association and a range of other people. The chamber of commerce was going to attend that meeting but pulled out. I indicated to it that I was going to be working with the Minister for Regional Development—and, indeed, I am—on improving educational outcomes for not only Moora but also regional students across Western Australia, and those discussions are ongoing.