

WA COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE

**314. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the Western Australian colleges of agriculture.

- (1) Who is the current director of agricultural education and what is that person's tenure in the position?
- (2) Will the position of director of agricultural education continue whilst the minister is in her role?
- (3) Will the agricultural education farms provision trust fund continue to be supported by the minister?
- (4) How does the minister intend to support secondary agricultural education in Western Australia given record enrolments in 2017?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The acting director of agricultural education is Mr Bernard Beatty. The position is currently being advertised through an expression of interest with tenure to 31 December 2017.
- (2) The Department of Education is in the process of amalgamating with the Department of Education Services and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. The organisational structure for the new Department of Education will be established this year.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) All schools receive funding according to the number of enrolled students. As enrolments increase, so does the funding allocated to the school.