

EDUCATION — INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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

I refer to the minister's media release from 16 August 2018 titled "WA to attract best and brightest international students" and the statement that the implementation of an additional graduate skilled migration list will help grow Western Australia's share of the international education market.

- (1) How many additional international students are projected to undertake this new pathway in 2019, 2020 and 2021 to study in Western Australia?
- (2) What is the complete list of occupations that will be offered to international students for priority consideration for skilled migration under the state-nominated migration program?
- (3) Given a key part of the "WA Labor Plan for Jobs" includes an investment of \$2 million to develop an international education strategy, will the minister provide a full breakdown of how those funds will be utilised; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The number of state nominations for international students will depend upon the overall state planning levels for the state-nominated migration program. The planning levels for 2018–19 are currently under negotiation with the commonwealth Department of Home Affairs.
- (2) The graduate occupation list for international students under the state-nominated migration program will be published in early September.
- (3) The international education strategy will be released in coming months.