

MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

**1124. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the answer given to question without notice 1101 asked yesterday about the government's election commitment for additional support to schools to oversee the delivery of evidence-based mental health programs.

- (1) Will the minister provide a list of all 300 schools participating in the program?
- (2) What is the total cost of the program?
- (3) What level of funding is allocated to each school to deliver the program and is the cost of undertaking the relevant professional learning in Gatekeeper suicide prevention training and youth mental health first aid included in this allocation or is this an additional cost required to be funded through the school's budget?
- (4) Are all Mental Health in Schools coordinators required to complete the training referred to in (3); and, if not, who is not required to complete the training?
- (5) What accountability mechanisms are in place to ensure that the school allocates the additional funding to this program?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) I table the attached information.

[See paper 2170.]

- (2) The total cost is \$13.27 million over four years.
- (3) The funding level is \$11 096 per annum over four years. There are no course or program costs to schools for Gatekeeper suicide prevention training and youth mental health first aid, but schools are required to cover any other costs associated with staff participation, such as travel and teacher relief, from this allocation.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Principals of schools participating in the program complete a survey, including information on how their school has used the funding allocated for the program. In addition, the department keeps central records of staff completing the mandated training to ensure that this requirement has been met by participating schools.