

SCHOOLS — METHAMPHETAMINE — ONLINE RESOURCE KIT

4221. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Please provide a breakdown of what the \$250,000 to be spent on an online resource kit for schools on the dangers of methamphetamine will actually be spent on?
- (2) Have any funds from the Federal Government or any other source been accessed to implement the online resource kit, if so how much and from what source?

Hon Peter Collier replied:

- (1) In May 2016, the State Government announced that an additional \$14.9 million would be made available to expand alcohol and other drug services for methamphetamine use and for strategies to reduce demand for methamphetamine. The initiative is part of the State Government's Methamphetamine Initiative.

Under this initiative, School Drug Education and Road Aware (SDERA) will receive an additional \$500,000 over two years to expand current school alcohol and other drug education programs, including provision of targeted information regarding methamphetamine use.

SDERA has developed a project plan that articulates how the funding will be used. The plan has been agreed by the SDERA Management Group, consisting of senior staff from Catholic Education Western Australia, Department of Education and Association of Independent School Western Australia, and the Mental Health Commission.

It is intended the funding will be used to:

renew and adapt existing drug education and methamphetamine materials to target the specific needs of groups of students deemed to be difficult to 'reach', or who are at educational risk;

increase the delivery of school alcohol and other drug education, with an emphasis on methamphetamine education to targeted students, including Aboriginal students, students from low socio-economic backgrounds, and students in Years 11 and 12;

improve the ability of student services and pastoral care staff to identify and appropriately engage with students affected by methamphetamines; and

increase parent understanding of alcohol and other drugs, including methamphetamines.

- (2) No.