

CAMP SCHOOLS — MAINTENANCE

**775. Hon JACQUI BOYDELL to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 762 that the \$250 000 provided to Fairbridge WA will contribute to maintenance at Bridgetown, Dampier and Pemberton.

- (1) What specific maintenance needs to be undertaken at these three camp schools?
- (2) What was the cost of maintenance at each of the camp schools for the last four financial years?
- (3) Is any additional maintenance required at Point Peron, Geraldton or Kalgoorlie?
- (4) If yes to (3), please detail those maintenance requirements.
- (5) Who will fund maintenance at Point Peron, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

- (1)–(4) The request for proposal process undertaken by the Department of Education for the operation of the six camp schools required proponents to meet all costs related to the operation and maintenance of the facilities for the period of the lease. The sites are being offered on a walk in, walk out basis, requiring the proponent taking over the existing buildings, plant and equipment as they are. The proposal from Fairbridge WA accepted this condition at three of the sites—Point Peron, Kalgoorlie and Geraldton—but requested a contribution of \$250 000 annually to address a shortfall in its assessed operation and maintenance costs of facilities at Bridgetown, Dampier and Pemberton.

Maintenance expenditure for camp schools is recorded in calendar years. For the past four calendar years, 2014 to 2017, the camp schools have recorded repair and maintenance costs of \$157 462 at Bridgetown, \$302 958 at Dampier, and \$116 220 at Pemberton.

- (5) It will be Fairbridge WA, as the operator.