

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION FARMS PROVISION TRUST

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

I refer to the agricultural education farms provision trust and the government's decision to take a 20 per cent dividend as part of its budget cuts announced in December 2017.

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the savings amount applied to the department's budget was \$110 000 in 2018–19 and will be capped at \$220 000 from 2019–20 onwards?
- (2) If not, what is the actual amount that will be withdrawn annually from the trust for 2018–19, 2019–20, 2020–21 and 2021–22?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) There has been no change since December 2017. From 2019, the Department of Education will return an annual 20 per cent dividend from the funds remitted to the agricultural education farms provision trust. The value of the 20 per cent dividend will vary each year depending on the income generated by the farm operations across the five Western Australian colleges of agriculture and the Esperance Senior High School farm training centre. The dividend applies from the 2019 calendar year. An initial dividend of \$110 000 had been applied for the 2018–19 financial year.