

PERTH MODERN SCHOOL — RELOCATION

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

I also congratulate the minister on her appointment.

I refer to the government's education central policy, which includes the proposed relocation of the academic selective school currently at Perth Modern School to a high-rise inner-city school within Perth City Link. Given the former Liberal government announced significant changes to schooling in the western suburbs last year to deal with the growth in demand for places in this area, which did not include any change to Perth Modern School, which group or groups did the minister consult on the education central policy prior to making the announcement on 29 January 2017?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for her question.

The member will recall that in 2014, 2015 and, indeed, in 2016, Hon Ken Travers and I asked a series of questions in the house, in estimates, and I think in annual reports hearings as well, about the government's proposed ways of dealing with the pressure that was building in the western suburbs, particularly around the city side of the western suburbs. We did that and we held forums with a number of parent groups, in particular from inner-city suburbs—the inner north suburbs. We consulted a range of parents and people interested in the subject, basically from 2014 through to 2016.