

CAMP SCHOOLS — FAIRBRIDGE WA

762. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the minister's media statement dated 8 September 2018 regarding camp schools and Landsdale Farm School, which states that the Department of Education will commit \$250 000 to Fairbridge WA to ensure that camping experiences remain consistent across all sites.

- (1) How will the \$250 000 be allocated across the camp schools?
- (2) Has the minister developed criteria for the \$250 000 payment?
- (3) If yes to (1), please list the criteria?
- (4) If no to (1), why not?
- (5) Does the minister intend to review levels of community satisfaction with this new service agreement?
- (6) Will the minister guarantee that camp school prices will not immediately rise as a result of this new arrangement?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The \$250 000 is a contribution to the operation and maintenance of three camp schools, being Bridgetown, Dampier and Pemberton. The contribution ensures the continued operation of these sites and was determined through the tendering process.
- (5) Monitoring of satisfaction will be through reporting requirements included in the conditions relating to the lease of these sites. Information will be provided by the operators on an annual basis.
- (6) Affordability of the sites for public schools was a requirement of the tender process. An undertaking has been provided by Fairbridge WA not to increase the costs to Western Australian schools for accommodation, with price increases in line with yearly consumer price index increases.