

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING — STUDENTS CHARGED WITH PUBLIC OFFENCES

775. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the meeting held between Ministers Logan and Ellery on 27 March in relation to “students charged with public offences”:

- (a) did any other Ministers attend this meeting;
- (b) did any Ministerial staff attend this meeting;
- (c) did any Departmental officers attend this meeting; and
- (d) is the government looking to remove offences for students engaging in activities such as protesting?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

Minister Logan did not attend a meeting with Minister Ellery on this date in relation to that matter.

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) This would require an amendment to the Criminal Code. The question should be referred to the relevant Minister.