

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

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

The PRESIDENT: We wish Hon Donna Faragher a very happy birthday today.

Hon DONNA FARAGHER: It is great to be 21, Madam President!

I refer to the independent public schools initiative.

- (1) Will further opportunities be given to non-IPS schools to apply to become independent public schools in the future?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will those opportunities be provided?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1)–(3) Yes. I do not see any reason why there would not be more such opportunities. I have no plans for there not to be, but I must admit that I have not asked for advice on the timing of the most recent round or when the next round should be. I can assure the member that I have no intention for there not to be opportunities.