

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — “FOCUS 2018”

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

- (1) Has the department released its “Focus 2018” policy document?
- (2) If yes, will the minister table a copy of the policy document?
- (3) If no, why not and when will it be released?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) No. “Focus 2018” is not a policy document. It is a summary of areas for schools, support services and central office to focus on for a particular year, based on the strategic plan for public schools. Schools, support services and central office use the document, along with the strategic plan and their own business plans, to guide their efforts. Although “Focus” is usually available in November or December of the previous year, releasing it in January 2018 will not affect the work of schools, support services and central office.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Given the machinery-of-government changes, structural changes, consideration of the voluntary targeted separation scheme and the state budget being delayed due to the election year, the decision was made to release “Focus 2018” at the beginning of 2018.