

SCHOOLS — ASBESTOS

340. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to a PerthNow article entitled “High risk asbestos in WA schools” published online on 27 January 2019.

- (1) Please identify the schools with a risk rating between 1 and 4, identifying the individual rating of each school.
- (2) Please identify the individual cost to alleviate the asbestos risk in each of the schools identified in (1).
- (3) What plans does the Department of Education have, and relevant time frames, to address the highest risk schools exposing their staff and students to asbestos-related harm?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) I table the attached information.

[See paper 2581.]

- (2) This information is not available. Costs for remediation are not included as part of the risk assessments.
- (3) The Department of Education’s policy is to remove or remediate all elements of asbestos-containing materials with a risk rating of 1 or 2. Elements with a risk rating of 3 or below are managed in accordance with the department’s asbestos management plan. All asbestos-containing material is inspected at intervals as recommended by the assessors, but not exceeding three years. All public schools have a site-specific asbestos-containing materials register that forms an integral part of the Department of Education’s asbestos management plan.