

WAGGRAKINE PRIMARY SCHOOL — FENCING

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

I refer to Waggrakine Primary School in Geraldton.

- (1) Is the minister aware of the school community's significant concern over the inadequate fencing around the school's perimeter that is impacting on student safety, particularly the section that borders Chapman Valley Road?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the government provide the necessary funding to ensure an appropriate perimeter fence is installed as a matter of priority to ensure the safety of all students?
- (3) If yes to (2), can the minister provide an anticipated installation time frame?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for this question. She and I have had a number of discussions about this.

- (1)–(3) Yes, I am aware. The director general visited the site probably about a month ago. I am advised that two weeks ago the Department of Education requested that Building Management and Works proceed with the installation of a perimeter fence around the school. That is now in process and involves surveying the site and may require discussions with the local council and the community. The estimated completion of all that and the actual installation of the fence is three months, but I have asked the Department of Education to provide advice on whether we can have that done sooner.