

EDUCATION — TEMPORARY VISA HOLDERS — SCHOOL FEES

2266. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the Western Australian State Budget 2019–20, page 324 Income statement, Income, first line item, ‘User contributions, charges and fees’, and I ask:

- (a) how much income did the Department of Education receive in 2018–19 to date as school fees from people who are not residents, including those on temporary protection and temporary work visas; and
- (b) were any children of families on temporary visas denied access to education because they were unable to pay the fees?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) In 2018–19, the Department of Education received \$16.023 million in tuition fees from overseas fee-paying students.

The Department does not maintain a breakdown of revenue received from overseas fee-paying students. This information is kept by each individual school. Fees are collected by each school.

- (b) No.