

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — SCHOOL VIOLENCE

1282. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the minister's press statement released on Sunday, 2 December, titled "Schools to take a stand against violence" and the accompanying minister's statement on school violence.

- (1) (a) Has the government allocated any funding to deliver this initiative, particularly those action items that will require additional resourcing, and what is the allocated funding and is this new funding or a reallocation of funds from the department's current budget; and
- (b) if not, why not?
- (2) With respect to "Action 3—New alternative learning settings for the most violent students" —
 - (a) where will the pilot programs be trialled; and
 - (b) what additional funds are being provided for this specific action?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) (a) The action plan will initially be funded within the Department of Education's existing budget, with an estimated cost of approximately \$3 million in 2019.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (2) (a) The pilot programs will be trialled in the north metropolitan education region, the south metropolitan education region and the south west education region. The details of the pilot programs are being finalised.
- (b) I have announced a trial of alternative learning settings. This will be funded within the Department of Education's existing budget. Future funding will be determined at the completion of the trial.