

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

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

I refer to the minister's statement on school violence released in December 2018 and specifically actions 4, 6 and 8.

- (1) Have the new guidelines for school staff on responding to aggression been finalised; and, if not, why not?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the minister table a copy of the guidelines?
- (3) Has every public school added "good standing" requirements to their behaviour policy as required under action 6?
- (4) Has the review to clearly define what is a school "critical incident" as well as incident reporting and monitoring been completed; and, if not, why not?
- (5) If yes to (4), will the minister provide more detail on the outcome of this review?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes. The guidelines were sent to schools on Monday, 3 December 2018. I table the attached "Physical Contact with Students" guidelines.

[See paper 2395.]

- (3) From the start of the 2019 school year, every public school will review their school behaviour policies to ensure the inclusion of "good standing" requirements. It is the Department of Education's expectation that schools consult with their communities in making changes to their school behaviour policies. In this case, it will involve consideration of how to best apply "good standing" in their particular contexts. Workshops are being conducted for principals throughout term 1, 2019, to provide advice and guidance on implementing "good standing" as now required in the department's student behaviour policy.
- (4) The review, to be conducted in consultation with principals, commences on 18 February 2019. It is a component of the workshops referred to in the response to part (3).
- (5) Once the outcomes of the review are known, I will provide further details.