

SHENTON COLLEGE DEAF EDUCATION CENTRE — ENROLMENTS

1094. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Will any of the money allocated in this year's budget for the expansion of Shenton College be spent on expanding the enrolment capacity of the deaf education centre onsite; and, if so, how many additional students will that centre be able to take?
- (2) If none of the allocation will be spent expanding the enrolment capacity of the deaf education centre, why not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) No. The enrolment capacity will remain at 30 students.
- (2) Shenton College and Shenton College Deaf Education Centre are two separate schools, with their own principals, staff and budgets. Shenton College caters for students within a defined local intake area in the western suburbs. Students in this intake area have an entitlement to attend Shenton College. The expansion of Shenton College is occurring to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to enable enrolment for all entitled students.

Shenton College Deaf Education Centre does not have a local intake area. Along with Belmont City College, it offers a specialist deaf education program for students across the state. Between these two programs, there are sufficient places available for students with hearing loss who require high levels of support.