

PUBLIC SCHOOLS — ROBOTICS AND CODING FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS

4220. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Is any federal funding contributing to the 31 May 2016 announcement of a \$6.7million allocation to robotics and coding in public primary schools?
- (2) When will Western Australian public schools see the first allocations of these funds?

Hon Peter Collier replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) The 31 May 2016 announcement regarding robotics and coding consisted of two components:
 - an immediate \$2.7 million for new teaching and learning resources for all public primary schools related to technologies with a focus on robotics and coding, due to arrive in schools by the end of Term 3 2016; and
 - a further \$4 million over three years for integrated science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) teaching and learning resources and professional learning for Western Australian public primary and secondary schools.

The STEM teaching and learning resources and professional learning for primary and secondary public school teachers will be provided as they are developed over the next three years. The first suite of resources being developed by the consortium will be trialled in schools in Term 4, 2016 and will be available to all public schools for Term 1, 2017.