

MIDLAND LEARNING ACADEMY

646. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the Midland Learning Academy.

- (1) What are the criteria for students to be able to attend the academy?
- (2) On what basis, if any, might students be ineligible to attend the academy?
- (3) What measures have been taken to ensure the premises are appropriate for students and staff?
- (4) Is there any policy outlining occupational health and safety at the Midland Learning Academy?
- (5) If yes to (4), will the minister please table the document?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) The criteria used in 2016 for students to be able to attend the Midland Learning Academy trial include: based on 2015 student attendance data, zero to 30 per cent attendance; lead school psychologist and education region recommendations; and all attempts to engage the students in traditional schooling having been exhausted and all previous strategies having been ineffective.
- (2) The Midland Learning Academy is for secondary students—years 7 to 12. Primary school students would be ineligible to attend. Each application for enrolment is viewed independently.
- (3) Extensive work was conducted on the Midland Learning Academy site prior to the commencement of the 2016 school year. This included perimeter fencing, internal classroom and office refurbishment, information communication technology, telephone communications system and signage.
- (4) All schools and work sites are covered by the department's occupational safety and health policy. The duties required of all departmental personnel, including principals and line managers, are detailed in this policy and it is expected to be applied, as far as is practicable, to provide and maintain a working environment in which employees of the department are not exposed to hazards. As part of their obligations as managers of departmental workplaces, principals at all school sites are also required to be familiar with the code of practice of the Commission for Occupational Safety and Health on violence, aggression and bullying at work.
- (5) I have the information. I table that information.

[See paper 4292.]