

SCHOOLS — LIMITED PROGRAM SCHOOLS

770. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to schools being designated as a 'Limited Program School' and as a result students being able to bypass their local school in preference of another school whilst claiming Assistance for Isolated Children and the Boarding Away from Home Allowance, and I ask:

- (a) what schools are classified as a 'Limited Program School';
- (b) what are the criteria for such as classification; and
- (c) does the Department of Education in classifying a school take into consideration the impact the policy may have on remaining students and resourcing?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) [See tabled paper no 1225.]
- (b) Under the Australian Government Department of Human Services guidelines, a limited program school is:
  - a primary school where the syllabus and teaching arrangements are specifically geared to cater for the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students; or
  - a school providing a secondary program that:
    - does not provide adequate facilities or programs to enable a student to gain a Year 12 certificate or tertiary entrance score; or
    - has a syllabus and teaching arrangements that are specifically geared to cater for the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.
- (c) Yes. The Department of Education considers the impact such a decision would have on a school prior to implementation.