

SCHOOLS — LEAD CONTAMINATION

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

I refer the minister to the testing of lead in schools and to her comment on 6PR with Oliver Peterson, I think, on 31 January when she stated, according to my notes —

It is enormously frustrating to me that I was not advised in a reasonable period of time that in those five schools, the test was still not complete.

- (1) Did the minister's office receive any briefing notes from the Department of Education from October 2017 to 31 January 2018 in relation to the testing of lead in schools?
- (2) If yes, will the minister give an undertaking to table all briefing notes at the first opportunity; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) I cannot check that I received briefing notes. However, because the matter was frustrating to me, I certainly recall going back and checking on what dates conversations were had between me personally and officers in the Department of Education. I know that conversations were had about where we were at in November and then again in January. I was not advised in either of those two conversations that there was a problem. I will check whether any briefing notes were available. I do not recall that there were but there may be. I do not recall them off the top of my head.

Hon Donna Faragher: Will you table them if they are?

Hon SUE ELLERY: If I can, I will.