

SECONDARY SCHOOL — KITCHENER PARK — ALTERNATIVE SITES

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

I refer to the answer given to question without notice 250 asked on Wednesday, 21 June 2017. For each of the sites identified in the answer, will the minister list the reason or reasons for why the site was deemed unsuitable as the location for the proposed new school?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

The site at 151 Royal Street, East Perth is poorly located for providing relief to Churchlands Senior High School. The Tuart College site in Tuart Hill does not provide adequate enrolment relief for Churchlands and is poorly located for public transport access. Balcatta Senior High School in Balcatta was not considered as a proposed location for a new school but as an alternative site for Perth Modern School. The Perth Department of Housing building at 108 Adelaide Terrace, on the corner of Hay Street, was deemed unsuitable because the Department of Housing is not moving until 2019, it is poorly located for providing relief to Churchlands and it is not able to deliver a new school for 2020. Various vacant CBD office accommodation sites were deemed unsuitable because the government's preferred option was for a purpose-built school; given other options are available, existing CBD options were not pursued. Prospect Place, at the corner of Fitzgerald and Newcastle Streets in Northbridge, is a small site with no space for an oval if redeveloped for 2 000 students and is not well located for public transport. The School of Isolated and Distance Education in Oxford Street, Leederville is a small site that is not able to deliver a new school for 2020. Regarding the City Beach Senior High School site, the announced option is assessed as better located to service the student catchment.