

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

**162. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the minister's press release from yesterday, 12 March 2019, "Violence policy at work in WA public schools", in particular the 919 students who have been suspended for physical aggression so far this year

- (1) How much will the pilot program cost?
- (2) How long will the pilot program run for?
- (3) What measures are in place to gauge the success of the pilot program?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

It is important to note that the pilot alternative learning settings are intended for students who have been excluded for physical violence or are identified as at high risk of committing acts of serious physical aggression.

- (1) A total of \$2.6 million has been allocated to the pilot across three sites.
- (2) Initially, the pilot program will run for the 2019 school year.
- (3) We will be undertaking an external evaluation to gauge success.