

EDUCATION — SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS — COUNTRY TEACHING PROGRAM ALLOWANCE

4419. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) Please list the regional locations where the Country Teaching Program (CTP) allowance is paid to school psychologists?
- (2) Are there plans to extend the current CTP allowance arrangements once they expire in 2017?
- (3) If no to (2) how does the government plan to attract and retain public school psychologists in regional and remote schools?

**Hon Peter Collier replied:**

- (1) As prescribed under the *School Education Act Employees' (Teachers and Administrators) General Agreement 2014*, school psychologists do not receive the Country Teaching Program (CTP) allowance. School psychologists located at the following schools receive an administrative payment, as approved by the Department of Commerce, equivalent to the CTP paid to teachers in these schools.

<b>Education Region</b>	<b>School</b>
Kimberley	Derby District High School Fitzroy Valley District High School Halls Creek District High School
Goldfields	Boulder Primary School East Kalgoorlie Primary School Hannans Primary School Kalgoorlie Boulder Community High School Kalgoorlie Primary School Leinster Primary School Ngaanyatjarra Lands School O'Connor Primary School
Pilbara	Baler Primary School Hedland Senior High School Karratha Primary School Karratha Senior High School Newman Senior High School Pegs Creek Primary School South Newman Primary School South Hedland Primary School Tom Price Senior High School

- (2)–(3) The administrative arrangement approved by the Department of Commerce expires on 31 December 2017. The Department of Education will review the effectiveness of the arrangement before an application to extend the allowance is submitted to the Department of Commerce.