

SCHOOL OVALS — RESTRICTED-USE LIMITATIONS

342. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Education:

- (1) How many government school ovals have restricted-use limitations on them?
- (2) Do any government school ovals have restrict-use limitations on them as a result of safety risks; and, if so, to what specific school ovals do these restrictions apply?
- (3) For what other reasons, besides safety risks, do school ovals have restricted-use limitations applied to them?
- (4) What is being done to rectify school ovals with restricted-use limitations on them?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Department of Education estimates that about 60 schools have restricted the use of their ovals for varying periods during the past twelve months. The use of school ovals is often restricted during and following oval renovation works and work such as fertilising, top dressing, weed spraying and re-turfing. Whenever work of this nature is undertaken every effort is made to minimise the period during which the oval is not available for use.
- (2) The oval at Hollywood Primary School is not being used at present because of the presence of small pieces of glass and porcelain, which were brought to the surface during some oval renovation work late last year. The Department of Education has engaged an environmental consultant to investigate possible strategies to promptly address this matter.
- (3)–(4) Refer to (1).