

BULLSBROOK COLLEGE — FEDERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT VISIT

**172. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to a recent visit on 27 February by federal Labor member for Sydney, Tanya Plibersek; federal senator for Western Australia, Sue Lines; and Labor candidate for Pearce, Kim Travers, to Bullsbrook College.

- (1) Was the visit to Bullsbrook College approved by the minister?
- (2) Was consent of parents sought for the federal members and candidate to take photographs with the children, including those taken by media in attendance?
- (3) Does the minister support the use of departmental staff and public school students for the political purpose of announcing a Labor election commitment?
- (4) Did the visit comply with the departmental policy relating to school visits?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Parental consent for photos is a matter for schools.
- (3)–(4) All members of Parliament visiting public schools are expected to observe the Department of Education's protocols.