

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — SUPPORT STAFF

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

I refer to the abolition of positions from the Department of Education with regard to agricultural education.

- (1) How many education support staff within the agricultural education and regional development branch have had their roles identified as “no longer required” to date?
- (2) Has an appointment been made to the position of manager for the agricultural education central office support?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the length of position tenure and classification level?
- (4) Is the minister retaining the agricultural education teaching and learning support position based in Padbury?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) Four roles will no longer be required.
- (2) There will be no manager for agricultural education in central office. A manager at the statewide services centre will assume some responsibility for aspects of agricultural education as part of their portfolio. The five principals of agricultural colleges are responsible for the delivery of teaching and learning programs at their individual colleges. All are independent public schools and have increased autonomy to make decisions that affect their schools.
- (3) The manager at the statewide services centre is a permanent level 8 officer.
- (4) All schools, including agricultural colleges, can access the extensive teaching and learning support offered by the statewide services centre. In addition, two positions, one level 7 and one level 6, will be retained to support agricultural colleges to manage the residential and farm aspects of their operations.