

MOORA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE — FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

2355. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the upgrade of the Moora Residential College funded by the Federal Liberal National Government, and I ask:

- (a) (a) the status of the funding;
- (b) (b) the status of the project;
- (c) (c) is the cost of the project still \$8.7 million;
- (d) (d) is the project still scheduled to commence September 2019, with completion expected in September 2020;
- (e) (e) if no to (d), when is the project scheduled to commence and complete;
- (f) (f) how will the college be affected whilst the upgrades occur;
- (g) (g) has the project gone to tender; and
- (h) (h) given the uncertainty created by the planned closure of residential colleges, will the Minister commit to a coordinated campaign promoting the residential boarding opportunities that exist in regional Western Australia?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) Funding has been allocated by the Australian Government for the project and will be provided in 2019–20 and 2020–21.
- (b) The project is at tender evaluation stage.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) The staged delivery of the project has been developed in consultation with Moora Residential College staff to minimise inconvenience to the college during construction.
- (g) Tenders for construction of the project have been received and are currently being evaluated.
- (h) Residential colleges are marketed through a range of methods, including radio, newspapers, field days, shows and presentations to primary schools. Promotion is continually assessed and modifications made by individual residential colleges to ensure that parents who may consider the option of boarding are aware of the services offered.