

SCHOOLS OF ISOLATED AND DISTANCE EDUCATION — ENROLMENT POLICY

332. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Education:

I have a supplementary question. Is it not true that from next year students who will turn 18 in the future cannot enrol at that school? If they are going to turn 18 —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I will give you an opportunity to ask the supplementary question again without interruption.

Mr P. PAPALIA: The minister understands what I am saying.

Dr E. Constable: No, I don't. Explain yourself.

Mr P. PAPALIA: The minister did not let me interject and ask by way of interjection. This year it is true; schools can retain students on the books if they turn 18 this year. In the future, from next year, if someone is going to turn 18 in the year of their training, schools are not allowed to enrol them.

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

If a student is enrolled in a government high school and they turn 18 years old, they stay at that school. They do not have to change their enrolment.

Mr P. Papalia: What about SIDE?

Dr E. CONSTABLE: SIDE is one of the government schools and the same enrolment policy applies to SIDE.