

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

**149. Hon JACQUI BOYDELL to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the minister's press release from yesterday, 12 March 2019, titled "Violence policy at work in WA public schools", in particular the 919 students who have been suspended for physical aggression so far this year.

- (1) How many of these students attend regional schools?
- (2) Of those students in (1), please table which schools they attend.
- (3) What level of funding, if any, is allocated to the implementation of the violence policy?
- (4) If there is funding, how is it distributed across regional and metropolitan schools?
- (5) What measures are in place to support students who have been suspended to reduce the likelihood of them being suspended again?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) From the original reporting period, Monday, 4 February to Wednesday, 27 February 2019, an additional 13 students in public schools have now been recorded as suspended for physical aggression. This takes the total from 919 to 932. Of these, 330 were in non-metropolitan education region public schools.
- (2) I table the attached information.

[See paper 2460.]

- (3) The sum of \$3.3 million has been allocated to the implementation of the violence in schools strategy.
- (4) Funding is distributed across a range of statewide initiatives. It is not distributed directly to regional and metropolitan schools. It is paying for the additional staffing in the alternative placements and a range of other programs. It is not going directly to the schools.