

EDUCATION — REGIONAL LEARNING SPECIALISTS

**689. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the government's election commitment to allocate regional learning specialists to work with year 11 and year 12 students at regional schools.

- (1) Have all positions been filled; if yes, when; and, if not, when are they expected to be filled?
- (2) Will the minister table the relevant job description for these specialist positions; and, if not, why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The recruitment process is nearing completion. Of the eight regional learning specialist positions, offers of employment have been made for seven: six of the seven specialist teacher positions and the level 3 school administrator position. Letters of offer were sent to the successful applicants on 24 August 2018. The breach period will conclude on 30 August 2018. The eighth position will be filled initially on a short-term contract. The Department of Education is currently in the process of identifying an English teacher with the necessary expertise for the position. A suitable English specialist teacher was not identified during the selection process. This position will be readvertised during term 4 of 2018.
- (2) I have the job description form for the school administrator level 3 position. Teachers do not have a job description form. Relevant advertisements identify the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers as the reference for assessing applications and outline any specific contextual background for teacher positions. I table the attached papers.

[See paper 1684.]