

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS — REVIEW

7146. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Education:

- (1) What are the terms of reference for the proposed review of independent public schools in 2012?
- (2) Will officers of the Minister's department conduct the review?
- (3) What credible independent oversight of the review, by parties external to the Minister's control, will be put in place?
- (4) Will the review be subject to any independent validation or peer review?
- (5) Will the review be a public report to the Minister?
- (6) When will the review be completed?
- (7) Has the Director General of the Department of Education been consulted on the terms of reference?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (1) The terms of reference are that:
 - The performance of each Independent Public School is to be independently reviewed by the Department of Education Services.
 - The independent review of an Independent Public School is to verify that the school has met its commitments as outlined in the Delivery and Performance Agreement between the school and the Director-General of Education.
 - The independent review of an Independent Public School will take place in the final year of the school's Delivery and Performance Agreement.
- (2)–(3) The review of each individual Independent Public School is being managed by the Department of Education Services on behalf of the Government. This department is not an education provider and currently manages the registration of non-government schools in Western Australia. Each review of an Independent Public School will be undertaken by education consultants contracted by the Department of Education Services. The review of each Independent Public School is separate to the independent evaluation of the IPS initiative which is being undertaken by the University of Melbourne.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The report of each individual review of an Independent Public School will be provided to the Director General of Education. The Director General will make the reports publicly available.
- (6) An independent review will be conducted for each Independent Public School in the final year of the school's Delivery and Performance Agreement.

Following the independent reviews undertaken in 2012 and 2013, an audit of the DES Independent Review process is to occur in 2014.
- (7) Yes.