

SCHOOLS — PROPOSED DAWESVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

4700. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

In relation to the proposed Dawesville Senior High School:

- (a) What is the proposed date by which construction will commence at the site; and
- (b) What is the proposed date by which the school will commence operation?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

- (a)–(b) Each year the Department of Education monitors the State’s population growth, student enrolment growth, accommodation capacity at schools and residential development to determine if schools are coming under accommodation pressure and require a relieving strategy. The analysis generates priorities for the provision of additional accommodation requirements at existing schools, and the location and timing of new schools to be constructed to relieve existing schools. Additional accommodation at existing schools is provided through either the construction of new permanent facilities or the provision of transportable classrooms.

The Department generally considers establishing a new school in an urban area when:

- an existing fully developed school is under significant accommodation pressure;
- student enrolments at the school are expected to increase;
- a new school site is available; and
- a viable number of students currently reside within the catchment of the proposed new school.

Based on current population and residential growth, the Department does not anticipate the need for a new secondary school in Dawesville in the next decade.