

STATE BUDGET 2013–14 — GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS

423. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

My question without notice was originally to the Minister for Education, but I am advised that it has been redirected to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development. This is C458.

Can the minister confirm that there is no allocation in the 2013–14 budget for the National Party election promise to introduce gifted and talented education programs initially at all country schools with a residential college and then expanding to regional high schools?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

The state government will develop initiatives that support enhancement of the gifted and talented education program as part of the 2014–15 budget process to be funded through royalties for regions.