

PEMBERTON CAMP SCHOOL — LAND OWNERSHIP

410. Hon DIANE EVERS to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the Pemberton camp school site.

- (1) Does the government own all the land on which the Pemberton camp school operates?
- (2) If no to (1), how much of the land on which the camp school operates does the government own?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that the land and school camp were originally owned and developed by the local community, and entrusted to state government in the 1970s to be managed by the education department?
- (4) If yes to (3), can the minister explain why the community was not involved to its satisfaction in the decision to invite organisations and businesses to register interest in leasing and operating the camp school?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The Pemberton camp school is on crown land reserved for educational purposes and it is 0.95 of a hectare. There is an access road and other minor facilities that encroach on an adjacent lot. Negotiations over the acquisition of this land, 2 850 square metres, stalled in 2010.
- (3) The history of the camp indicates both education and community involvement in the development of the camp. The original site was excised from the national park in 1951. In the 1970s and 1980s, the Department of Education purchased the rest of the site from Bunnings Brothers. The department understands that there have been contributions from government, schools, community and businesses for infrastructure.
- (4) The procurement process has been developed to optimise the continuation of all campsite operations.