

CAMP SCHOOLS — FAIRBRIDGE WA

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

I refer to the answer given to question without notice 819 asked on 18 September 2018 regarding camp schools and the proposed commercial lease terms.

- (1) Has an undertaking been provided by Fairbridge WA to not increase the costs to Western Australian schools that choose a package that includes accommodation and catering; and, if not, what terms have been determined by the Department of Education to ensure that catering costs do not increase?
- (2) If yes to (1), is the undertaking for the first year only; and, if yes, why?
- (3) Can the minister advise what terms, if any, have been determined by the Department of Education to ensure that —
 - (a) the cost for each camp-based activity does not increase under the new lease arrangements;
 - (b) the number of camp-based activities currently offered at each camp school do not decrease under the new lease arrangements; and
 - (c) all camp-based activities will continue to be offered to schools, irrespective of the number of students participating, as is currently the case?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The undertaking provided by Fairbridge WA is to not increase the costs to Western Australian schools for accommodation, and any further price increase will only be in line with the yearly consumer price index increase. The undertaking does not refer to a package. However, Fairbridge WA, as part of its marketing, could offer a range of deals to schools. Fairbridge WA has advised that it offers a range of catering options that schools can choose from, which will be priced accordingly. There are no specific terms proposed related to catering.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The terms of the lease will require Fairbridge WA to report on the various aspects of the camp operation, including utilisation, costs and activities. The type of activities and pricing will be determined by the resources required, associated risk and the level of interest to undertake these activities by camp users. This will be the role of Fairbridge WA to manage.

Hon Donna Faragher: You are going to increase the costs. There you go!

The PRESIDENT: There are no sups in this chamber, member.

Hon Donna Faragher: Sorry.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: When everyone is quiet, we will continue question time.