

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — SAVINGS MEASURES

4020. Mr D.T. Redman to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the Minister for Education’s media statement of 13th December 2017 titled “Education savings measures to help budget repair” which cites \$64m worth of savings and up to 170 positions affected, and the recent decisions in respect to camps schools and Landsdale school farm, and ask:

- (a) given all the policy changes since this media release, how much is the Minister now expecting to save for the government and how many positions will it affect;
- (b) is the Landsdale school farm still going to receive any resourcing from the State Government following the decision to have Family Support WA manage the facility;
- (c) will the \$250,000 provided to Fairbridge to run the six camp schools be distributed evenly amongst all the camp schools, or will it be provided differentially to the schools based on need;
- (d) will central office services be maintained for the Broome camp school (as has been the case for all camp schools in the past):
 - (i) if yes, what are these resources; and
 - (ii) if not, who will be providing these support services;
- (e) of the total savings provided to Government as outlined in (a), how much can be attributed to cuts in central office services provided to camp schools;
- (f) has due diligence been done on the various camp school sites to ensure they are in a fit for service state to be handed over to a new operator; and
- (g) if not, will you be doing due diligence on the camp school sites?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

- (a) As advised to Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, the revised savings at 12 September 2018 across the 2017–18 to 2020–21 periods are \$39.66 million, and are estimated to affect around 105 full-time-equivalent positions.
- (b) No.
- (c) No. The \$250 000 is a contribution for operation and maintenance of three camp sites: \$50 000 will apply to Bridgetown Camp School, \$125 000 to Dampier (Pilbara) Camp School and \$75 000 to Pemberton Camp School.
- (d) Yes.
 - (i) Annual one-line budget funding will be provided to Broome Camp School in October, and central and regional office support services will continue. These support services include a wide range of direct school support and corporate support functions such as payroll and human resource management, recruitment and employee support services, ICT help desk and systems support, financial and budget management support services, maintenance and minor works coordination, purchasing and commercial services support, as well as professional development and learning opportunities. The Kimberley Education Regional Office will also provide local support services to the Broome Camp School, with line management of the Camp School Manager provided by the Regional Executive Director, Kimberley.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
- (e) There are no specific reductions in central office directly attributed to the services provided to camp schools. Any flow-on impact to the workload of support functions would be negligible and reprioritised to support other areas of the Department.
- (f) The camp school sites are being offered on a “walk in – walk out” basis, requiring the operator taking over the existing buildings, plant and equipment as they are. This excludes some items such as leased vehicles and computers. As part of the request for proposal, respondents needed to identify and address matters required to properly run the facilities.
- (g) Not applicable.