

WA COLLEGES OF AGRICULTURE

369. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to question without notice 314 asked on 28 June 2017.

- (1) Now that the Department of Education is established, what is the new organisational structure of agricultural education?
- (2) Who is the current director of agricultural education and what is his or her tenure?
- (3) What is the number of enrolled students in each of the agricultural colleges by year?
- (4) What amount of funding is being provided to each of the agricultural colleges in 2017–18?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The central support provided for agricultural education by the Department of Education is overseen by an assistant executive director. Agricultural education support staff located within the agricultural education and regional development branch report to the branch manager, who reports to the assistant executive director. A further staff member who supports agricultural education teaching and learning is located at the department's statewide services centre in Padbury.

The changed arrangements for central office support for agricultural education will not have an impact on the level of support provided to the agricultural colleges, smaller farm schools or the ministerially appointed Advisory Committee on Agricultural Education. Agricultural education is now supervised at the more senior level of assistant executive director, with the support of a manager, which is a new position for agricultural education.

It should be noted that all of the five Western Australian Colleges of Agriculture have independent public school status, reporting directly to the director general. They were previously line managed by the director. This is no longer required.

- (2) There is no longer a director of agricultural education.
- (3) The student enrolments at Western Australian Colleges of Agriculture by year level in 2017 is in tabular form, so I ask whether it could be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

| | Cunderdin | Denmark | Harvey | Morawa | Narrogin |
|---------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|----------|
| Year 10 | 0 | 37 | 53 | 19 | 38 |
| Year 11 | 68 | 48 | 59 | 33 | 52 |
| Year 12 | 64 | 45 | 44 | 21 | 38 |
| Total | 132 | 130 | 156 | 73 | 128 |

- (4) Schools receive their funding on a calendar year basis. Funding for 2018 has not yet been finalised. Funding for 2017 does not include the final allocation from the agricultural education farms provision trust, which will go to schools before the end of the year. Funding for 2017 to Western Australian Colleges of Agriculture is: Cunderdin, \$2 937 749; Denmark, \$2 943 947; Harvey, \$3 107 126; Morawa, \$2 378 555; and Narrogin, \$2 961 423.