

STATE BUDGET 2012–13 — SECONDARY SCHOOLS — YEAR 7 STUDENTS

169. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the minister's announcement that year 7s will move to high school from 2015 and the fact that Comet Bay College, for example, is forecast to receive an additional 500 students above its current number of 1 200 when it opens in 2015.

- (1) Will all the infrastructure needs for schools such as Comet Bay College and every other high school around the state be considered in this year's budget to enable them time to plan, design, tender and build the necessary additions before 2015?
- (2) Will the budget take into account details like the fact that Comet Bay College was originally designed to be only a middle school and therefore will need an extensive expansion of basic facilities such as to its gymnasium, change rooms and toilets in addition to new classrooms?
- (3) Are there any planned primary schools that will not be constructed in order to fund the conversion of year 7s into high school?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

- (1)–(3) I thank the member for Warnbro, but he has been here long enough to know that he has just asked me a question about what is in the budget. If he is patient, he will find out on the day the budget is presented by the Treasurer. There is an assumption of some sort in his question that somehow we are not planning for year 7s. I can assure him that we are.