

SCHOOLS — PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

556. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Education:

I refer to the minister's media statement of 2 August 2011 in relation to the provision of playground equipment to selected schools.

- (1) How many schools applied for new equipment under this program?
- (2) When and where was the call for applications from schools advertised?
- (3) What criteria were used for selection, and how did they differ from those used in the previous years?
- (4) What index, if any, was used to determine the low socioeconomic areas of schools?
- (5) Will the minister table the names of schools that applied and their socioeconomic index score; and, if not, why not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) The number of schools was 235.
- (2) Expressions of interest were advertised through the department's Ed email system on 10 June 2011, and closed on 30 June 2011.
- (3) Schools were assessed on need and/or disadvantage. The criteria were the quality of existing playground equipment; the amount of playground equipment in relation to student numbers; and the age appropriateness of equipment. These were considered in the context of the school's socioeconomic index.
- (4) The Department of Education socioeconomic index—SEI.
- (5) Yes; a list of schools and their SEI is provided, which I table.

[See paper 3580.]