

SCHOOLS — PHYSICAL RESTRAINT OF STUDENTS

Question on Notice 1680 — Correction of Answer

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Minister for Education and Training) [5.04 pm]: I would like to provide a correction to Hon Alison Xamon's question on notice 1680, answered on 6 November 2018. The information provided by the Department of Education incorrectly advised that part (e), on the number of individual students who were physically restrained by school staff, contained a summary of data that was provided in reference to part (f), which asked for a list by school of the number of occasions students with disability were physically restrained by staff. Therefore, the response to (e) does not answer the question, which related to the number of individual students. The correct answer is —

- (e) A response to this question cannot be provided as the Department of Education's online incident notification system does not record a student's identity. It records only the number of occasions on which restraint was used. Schools record student identity locally as part of their recording process.

In regard to the honourable member's statement about my office's response to the email from her research officer, I wish to advise that my office was following up on her request. My office requested a response back from the Department of Education by 22 November 2018. My office should have relayed to the member's research officer when we anticipated getting the response, and I apologise for that not occurring.

I apologise to the house for the error in the original answer and to the member for not communicating the expected date of a response to the query from her office.