

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

**714. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 569 asked on 12 September 2017 regarding the independent public schools initiative.

- (1) Has the minister now sought advice from her department as to when expressions of interest will be called from non-independent public schools that wish to apply to become independent public schools in the future?
- (2) If yes to (1), when will the department call for expressions of interest?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question

- (1) Yes. The state government supports the independent public school initiative. Currently there are 524 IPS in WA, and 261 schools that are not IPS. I have sought advice regarding a development program in 2018 for interested school communities to commence as IPS in 2019.
- (2) The Department of Education will call for expressions of interest once the details, including dates, have been finalised.
- (3) Not applicable.