

EDUCATION — SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

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

I refer to the government's science in schools election commitment.

- (1) Are district high schools eligible to seek funding under this program?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), are any eligibility restrictions placed on district high schools that wish to apply for funding; and, if yes, what are those restrictions?
- (4) Will the minister table the relevant funding and eligibility guidelines for this program?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) District high schools that have primary and secondary students located on separate sites are eligible to apply.
- (2) This election commitment was specifically targeted at primary schools that have limited access to specialist science teachers and facilities. District high schools have science teachers and facilities that can be accessed by their primary students.
- (3) District high schools have to meet the same eligibility requirements as primary schools and, in addition, need to have primary students located on a totally separate site from the secondary students.
- (4) Yes. I table the attached information.

[See paper 1673.]