

SCHOOLS — CURRICULUM AND RE-ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION

4222. Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Education:

- (1) For the 2016–17 financial year, what is the total Government funding of Curriculum and Reengagement in Education (CARE) schools in Western Australia?
- (2) For the 2016 school year, what is the current number of students attending a CARE school in Western Australia (please provide a breakdown by school)?
- (3) For 2016, how many of the students enrolled in CARE schools in Western Australia came from Western Australian public schools?
- (4) Are there plans to expand the service of School of Special Education Need Engagement and Behaviour to include more learning academies such as what is provided by the Junction Academy in Midland?
- (5) What accountability and reporting requirements are in place for CARE schools?

Hon Peter Collier replied:

- (1) Funding to CARE schools is not budgeted in advance, it is based upon the submission of each CARE schools' quarterly attendance data (in the case of per capita funding) and half-yearly Students with Disability data to the Department of Education Services. Per capita funding is provided in February, May, August and October each year. Students with Disability funding is provided in June and October each year.

The estimated funding for CARE Schools for the 2016 school year is \$9.28 million.

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SCHOOL	Description	Enrolled Students (August 2016 payment)
Alta-1 (ConnectEd, Canning Vale, Malaga, Albany, Belmont, Como, Joondalup, Merriwa, Mullaloo)	Independent	493
Comet School (Clarkson and Caversham)	Independent	94
Communicare Academy (Cannington)	Independent	90
Corridors (Midland)	Independent	152
Port School (Hamilton Hill)	Independent	94
Sowilo Community High School (Kelmescott)	Independent	65
SMYL Community College (Rockingham)	Independent	107
Clontarf Aboriginal College (Waterford)	Catholic	184
Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre (Geraldton)	Catholic	78
St Clare's School (Lathlain)	Catholic	32
St Francis' School (Maddington)	Catholic	28
TOTAL		1417

- (3) The Department does not collect this data.
- (4) The Midland Learning Academy was established as a trial. The Telethon Kids Institute has been engaged to longitudinally monitor student outcomes at the Academy. This is ongoing but it is expected that initial outcomes data for the Academy's first cohort of students will be available to the Department of Education during Term 4, 2016.
- (5) CARE schools are bound by the School Education Act 1999, School Education Regulations 2000 and Standards for Non-Government Schools, both of which apply to all non-government schools.

Non-government schools are required to apply for re-registration as a non-government school no later than 6 months prior to the expiry of their current registration. They must comply with any conditions and directions on the school registration certificate, provide information on request within given timeframes and surrender expired, replaced or cancelled registration certificates.

Non-government schools must report critical incidents in writing to the Department of Education Services within 48 hours of the incident. Schools must also notify the Department of any change to their Governing Body or Constitution within 30 days of the change.

CARE schools are required to report their attendance data to the Department of Education Services quarterly, which is then used to calculate the ongoing funding provided to the school.

All schools are required to complete a biannual School Census in February and August of each year and report enrolled student numbers.

All schools are subject to periodic inspection by the Department of Education Services via the Grants Auditing Program (GAP) to ensure funding claims.

All schools are required to submit to the Department of Education Services an annual *Grant Acquittal*, in which the Governing Body of the school confirms 1) the quantum of funds provided to the school, 2) that the funds provided have been expended in the operation of the school and in the provision of an educational program and 3) that adequate accounting and financial records have been kept in order to ensure the proper acquittal of monies.