

EDUCATION AND TRAINING — SCHOOL VIOLENCE PLAN

1748. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the development of the Minister's plan to address violence in schools, and I ask:

- (a) when is it anticipated the plan will be finalised;
- (b) which groups or individuals have been or will be consulted in the development of the plan;
- (c) are you anticipating the plan will include introduction of an automatic suspension policy; and
- (d) if yes to (c), will this include students with disability or special needs?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) The *'Let's Take A Stand Together'* action plan was released on Sunday, 2 December 2018.
- (b) Department of Education Regional Executive Directors
Department of Education principals
Principals' associations
Unions
Parent bodies
Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia
Catholic Education Western Australia
Ministerial Youth Advisory Council
Commissioner of Police, Western Australia Police Force
Commissioner for WorkSafe Western Australia
Commissioner for Children and Young People
Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
Department of Communities
Department of Health
Department of Justice
Department of Treasury
The Offices of the Premier, Treasurer and Ministers for Police, Community Services, Health, Youth and Corrective Services
Members of Cabinet
- (c) From next year, any student who intentionally instigates violence or films attacks or fights will be suspended automatically.
- (d) The policy changes will not apply to students with disability who either cannot manage their behaviour or do not intend to harm others.