

STUDENTS REPEATING YEAR 12

42. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Education:

I have a supplementary question. Am I to understand from the minister's answer that the minister is not aware that her department has issued an edict that as from the end of this year, if someone is aged over 17 years, they cannot repeat year 12 in their current school? Students have to go to one of only four metropolitan colleges, all located within 18 minutes' drive of the CBD. Does the minister not know about that?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

There are two issues there—people wishing to repeat year levels who are within the school age and those who are of adult age. I am absolutely certain that students of adult age need a different sort of education setting from those who are not. It is quite possible for a student to repeat at their school when they are within age.