

EDUCATION CENTRAL POLICY

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

I refer to the government's Education Central policy.

- (1) Has the minister visited any high-rise, inner-city schools in other states either before and/or after becoming minister?
- (2) If yes to (1), which schools has she visited and on what date or dates?
- (3) Who accompanied her on the visit or visits?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(3) On 24 October 2016, as then shadow Minister for Education, I went to Melbourne, where I had an informal meeting with Hon James Merlino, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education; Emergency Services, and discussed inner-city schools with Chris Carpenter, policy adviser to Minister Merlino. During this trip, I also received a briefing on inner-city schools from Chris Keating, chief executive officer, and Tom Kirkland, executive director of delivery, of the Victorian School Building Authority. I visited the Ferrars Street South Melbourne Primary School site. Hayball, an architecture practice, was also present during the visit.

On 12 April 2017, as Minister for Education and Training, I visited the New South Wales Department of Education in Sydney. The department provided a presentation to me on the planning, design and construction of the new Parramatta primary and secondary school, Arthur Phillip. This did not include any school visits.

On the Melbourne visit in 2016, I was accompanied by Emmeline Drake-Brockman, my research officer. On the Sydney visit in 2017, I was accompanied by Hon Rita Saffioti, MLA, Minister for Planning; Sharyn O'Neill, director general, Department of Education; Stephen Baxter, executive director, statewide planning and delivery, Department of Education; Michael Watts, principal policy officer, office of the Minister for Planning; and, Kathy Digwood, chief of staff, Minister for Education.