

JUVENILE OFFENDERS — MONITORING

**375. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Minister for Education and Training:**

I refer to the answer to my question without notice 263, in which the Minister for Police reported —

... 35 reportable offenders under the age of 18 are attending high school. This figure may vary because there is no reporting obligation to advise police when they cease attending ...

- (1) Given the “Multi-Agency Protocols for Education Options for Young People Charged with Harmful Sexual Behaviours” lists “Agreement on attendance at support programs and release of information for sharing between all professionals” as an ongoing management consideration, why is the Department of Education failing to advise police when reportable offenders cease attending school?
- (2) What steps will the minister take to rectify this untenable situation?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The protocols were established to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students in schools. Information is shared when students move from one public school to another.
- (2) The protocols were put in place by this government to manage safety arrangements for school students when a young person at that school is charged with harmful sexual behaviours. Prior to this protocol, the previous Liberal–National government had no such arrangements in place.