

EDUCATION AND TRAINING — PLAY-BASED LEARNING

1661. Hon Donna Faragher to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the work being undertaken by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education regarding play-based learning and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister provide more detail on the work being undertaken by her Parliamentary Secretary and, if not, why not;
- (b) who has the Parliamentary Secretary met with and/or intending to meet with in relation to this work; and
- (c) what is the time frame for the completion of the Parliamentary Secretary's work and will it be made public and, if not, why not?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) Since Term 2, 2018, the Hon Samantha Rowe MLC, my Parliamentary Secretary, has visited metropolitan and regional schools with senior officers from the Department of Education to observe and discuss how public schools achieve a balance between explicit teaching and play-based learning across the early years of schooling to Year 2.
- (b) To date, the Parliamentary Secretary has met with children, parents, teachers and school administrators at six metropolitan and four regional public primary schools.

Key Stakeholders:

Western Australian Primary Principals' Association
Commissioner for Children and Young People WA
Catholic Education Western Australia
Nature Play WA
Wanslea Family Services
Association of Independent Schools of WA
Early Childhood Australia (WA)
Telethon Kids Institute

Metropolitan schools:

Currambine Primary School
Melville Primary School
Dianella Primary College
Edney Primary School (High Wycombe)
Creaney Primary School (Kingsley)
Springfield Primary School Kallaroo)

Regional schools:

Baynton West Primary School (Karratha)
Kingston Primary School (Australind)
Pinjarra Primary School
Mount Lockyer Primary School (Albany)

Four more public schools have confirmed their availability for visits in Term 4.

Metropolitan school:

Huntingdale Primary School

Regional schools:

Kalgoorlie Primary School;
East Kalgoorlie Primary School; and

Narembeen District High School

- (c) It is expected that the Parliamentary Secretary's school visits will be completed by December 2018. The scope and timeline for work arising from the school visits will then be developed and the release of this information will be determined at that point.