

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

25. Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN to the Minister for Education and Training:

My question is without notice to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training. What is the parliamentary secretary's role and what will it entail, considering she is assisting the Minister for Education and Training, who is in this chamber?

Point of Order

Hon SUE ELLERY: On a point of order —

The PRESIDENT: There is no need. Members cannot ask a question without notice to a parliamentary secretary. They can ask only ministers a question without notice; therefore, a question to a parliamentary secretary has to be a question with notice. I believe that was the Leader of the House's point of order.

Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN: May I redirect the question to the Minister for Education and Training?

The PRESIDENT: I am feeling benevolent in my last couple of days. The member may read the question again in the right context.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Hon ALYSSA HAYDEN: I redirect my question to the Minister for Education and Training. Would she indulge the house and outline what the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training's role will be, considering that she is in the same chamber?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for the question. As the honourable member would be well aware, there are a lot of functions to be carried out in the roles in government outside the Parliament.

Several members interjected.

Hon SUE ELLERY: Do members want the answer to the question or not?

The PRESIDENT: Order! If you ask a question, you have to listen to the answer.

Hon SUE ELLERY: The parliamentary secretary assists me in a number of ways, particularly in the training portfolio but not limited to the training portfolio, and I have to say that she is doing a sensational job. All the feedback I am receiving from stakeholders is that they too think that she is doing a sensational job.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! I will give the call to Hon Lynn MacLaren, because I am now confused about who on the opposition benches actually wants to ask a question.