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Re-instate funding for years 11 and 12 at District High Schools: Committee

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations today recommended that the Minister for Education immediately re-instate the senior school allocation funding to years 11 and 12 at 21 District High Schools.

The Majority of the Committee found that:

- The cost savings to the Department are minimal and far less than the costs that will be imposed on other departments to provide bus services and subsidise children living away from home.
- The Department undertook no consultation with schools and their communities prior to making the decision to remove the funding.
- The Department poorly communicated its decision to the affected district high schools and communities resulting in confusion amongst principals, parents and the community about what the decision meant and what options were available.
- The broader economic and social consequences of removing the senior school allocation, especially when relating to particular circumstances of some families located in regional towns, had not been considered.

The Hon Liz Behjat MLC presented a minority report which whilst supporting a limited re-instatement of the funds also sought a complete review into the delivery of year 11 and 12 programs at all district high schools.

For more information contact Hon Giz Watson, Chair, Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations on 0414 837 753.