

**Question No : 52**

**Question :** Effects of School Closures

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**Member :** Mrs HICKEY

**To :** MINISTER for EDUCATION

1. In areas where school closures will force children to cross major roads to get to school (for example, Karguru, Traeger Park, Rapid Creek), what provision will be made for the safety of these children and what will it cost.
2. In schools receiving student number increases as a result of the closure of other schools and which require building upgrades to accommodate the students -
  - (a) will the government guarantee that this work will be done by the beginning of the 1992 school year; and
  - (b) if so, what is the anticipated cost of this work.
3. Will asbestos present in the Tennant Creek Primary School be removed before students from Karguru are relocated to the school.
4. What commitments have been sought from the Commonwealth government regarding the cost of relocating TAFE in Tennant Creek.
5. What response has the Commonwealth government given to the above.
6. Will schools in the remote area of Operations South continue to receive the same level of visitation from Regional Office staff based in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.
7. What is the estimated cost of conveyancing allowances likely to be paid to parents of children who attended Warrego Primary School (Recommendation 5 of the School Closures Task Force) and Berrimah Pre-school (Recommendation 23).
8. Do students currently attending and those due to enrol at Kiana and Ganjarani schools in 1992 have no alternative school available to them.
9. Will the Department of Education -
  - (a) provide parents of students at Kiana and Ganjarani schools with written information about the educational options available to their children;
  - (b) advise what the options are; and
  - (c) advise what the alternative costs are as opposed to keeping the schools open.
10. Have the Kiana and Ganjarani schools both had upgrade work performed since the Estimates Review Committee's announcement; if so -

- (a) why was this work carried out in view of the schools' closure; and
- (b) what was the cost of the work.