

**Question No: 54**

**Question: Administrative Costs to the Department of Education**

**Date: 13/08/91**

**Member: Mr BELL**

**To: MINISTER for EDUCATION**

1. Will the rationalisation of administrative processes within the Department bring about the abolition of 50 positions; and if so -
  - (a) what will those positions be; and
  - (b) from where will they be abolished.
2. Has the department estimated the additional time in administration for teachers which will result from the closure of school stores.
3. Will the department provide administrative assistance to arrange orders for materials in those schools where no telephone communications exist.
4. Does the department anticipate that the provision of supplies through direct purchase by schools will be less expensive for schools; if so, how has this calculation been arrived at.
5. What security will be set into place on personnel files stored on computer.

**ANSWER**

1. Yes.

(a) and (b)

9 positions from Alice Springs Regional Office;  
20 positions from Supply Section (Darwin); and  
over time a further 21 positions through the introduction of the new Human Resource Management System and by the introduction of Risk Management Techniques.

2. Nil effect.

3. Schools in this category will be serviced by regional councils which have been established.

4. Yes, in some situations. The new arrangements will give more flexibility in procurement and period contracts will still be in place.

5. System-wide on-line personnel records (such as INTERPERS) are accessible only on a 'need to know' basis.