

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Hersey to the Minister for Education:

ICAC Investigation into Milingimbi School

1. What was the result of the investigation undertaken following the complaint lodged by the NT branch of the Australian Education Union (AEU NT) to the Department of Education in mid-2017?
2. What actions were taken following the results of the 2017 investigation, including any actions taken against the former principal of Milingimbi School, Ms Jennifer Sherrington?
3. What duties has Ms Sherrington been undertaking since this matter was reported to ICAC in September 2019? Did Ms Sherrington remain Principal of Milingimbi School throughout the investigation?
4. It has been reported that Ms Sherrington has been on leave since mid-2020. What date did Ms Sherrington commence leave from the Department of Education and was she paid during the period of leave?
5. Ms Sherrington's executive contract reportedly expires on 24 July 2021. Will the Department take any action against Ms Sherrington prior to the expiration of her contract or will the Department of Education simply not renew her contract?
6. Will the Department be taking any action against Ms Sherrington to recover Department of Education and Milingimbi school council funds which the report found she used for her own personal benefit?
7. Has the Department of Education accepted all 16 recommendations contained in the Investigation Report into Milingimbi School?
8. Given the ICAC conducted a joint investigation with Department of Education, what steps has the Department taken so far to address the issues identified during the investigation?
9. What steps will now be taken to implement the recommendations?
10. Will an audit be undertaken at all schools operating under the same governance model as Milingimbi School?