

Question No : 56

Question : Proposed School Closures

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Member : Mr BELL

To : MINISTER for EDUCATION

1. Have schools been downgraded this year as a result of demographic projections; if so, which schools.
2. What are the projected savings per school over the financial years -
 - (a) 1991-92; and
 - (b) 1992-93 from -
 - (i) the closure of schools; and
 - (ii) the relocation of pre-schools to their main primary schools.
3. What costs will be incurred in the financial years -
 - (a) 1991-92; and
 - (b) 1992-93,
from the relocation of pre-schools to their primary schools, including the upgrading or building of suitable premises.
4. Is the Department of Education contemplating any further school closures over the remainder of this calendar year and next calendar year.
5. Has the department sought to maintain the school closures task force already in place.
6. Is the department currently examining schools, or intending to examine schools, which fall into the category outlined in Education Bulletin No 10 of November 1985 under the heading 'Procedures and Criteria for the Closure of Schools'.
7. Will specialist programs developed at the schools that are closed be set in place in the schools that students are relocated to.