QUESTION ON NOTICE

LITERACY AND NUMERACY ACTION PLAN

QUESTION 1

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan - the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education -

- 1. In relation to the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan:
 - a. Why was the funding of \$24.45 million in 2011/12 not spent?
 - b. Will the 2011/12 funding be rolled over into 2012/13, and if so what is the total funding for 2012/13?
 - c. Is the Government still committed to spending \$261 million in total on this plan, and if so where will the underspend in 2011/12 be made up?
 - d. Will the 2011/12 underspend mean the Plan will take longer than the 5 years to implement?

ANSWER

- 1. a. Following acceptance of the expert advice provided by the Ministerial Advisory Group on Literacy and Numeracy, it was announced in March 2012 that for 2012, \$24.45 million had been allocated to support the implementation of the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan across Government, Independent and Catholic education sectors. Implementation began across the three educational sectors after this announcement.
 - b. Yes. Unspent funds from 2011/12 remain available to be used within the program. The budget for 2012/13 is \$26.2M.
 - c. Yes. Any underspend will be made up across the implementation period of the program 2012-2016.

d. No.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BEST START INITIATIVE

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – BEST START INITIATIVE – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

2. How much funding has been allocated to the Best Start Initiative for the 2012/13 year?

ANSWER

2. The Department of Education and Communities is yet to finalise internal /budget allocations for 2012 - 2013.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education -

- 3. Will the Government maintain the existing 120 FTE Literacy and Numeracy Leaders as part of the Best Start Programme in addition to the 120 FTE for the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan.
- 4. Can the Minister confirm that the government schools' share of the 200 literacy and numeracy teachers or equivalent of FTE will be in place in schools by the end of 2012, and can you advise which schools have benefited, or will benefit from these positions?
- 5. Can the Minister advise how the 120 teachers or equivalent of FTE are going to be used to improve the literacy and numeracy performance of students?
- 6. Is the Government committed to keeping the reading Recovery programme?

ANSWER

- **3.** Yes.
- Yes.

Wiripaang PS	Hunter/Central Coast
Irrawang PS	Hunter/Central Coast
Woodberry	Hunter/Central Coast
Warilla North PS	Illawarra and South East
Warrawong PS	Illawarra and South East
Attunga PS	New England
Drummond Memorial PS	New England
Hillvue PS	New England
Mungindi	New England
Tamworth West PS	New England
Westdale PS	New England
Bowraville CS	North Coast
Casino PS	North Coast
Casino West PS	North Coast
Coffs Harbour PS	North Coast
Gillwinga PS	North Coast
Stuarts Point PS	North Coast
Tabulam PS	North Coast
Ashmont PS	Riverina
Hume PS	Riverina

Mount Austin PS	Riverina
Parkview PS	Riverina
Tolland PS	Riverina
Bass Hill PS	South Western Sydney
Busby PS	South Western Sydney
Campbellfield PS	South Western Sydney
Claymore PS	South Western Sydney
Curran PS	South Western Sydney
Lurnea PS	South Western Sydney
Miller PS	South Western Sydney
Mount Pritchard East PS	South Western Sydney
Alma PS	Western NSW
Bowen PS	Western NSW
Broken Hill North PS	Western NSW
Buninyong PS	Western NSW
Condobolin PS	Western NSW
Dubbo North PS	Western NSW
Dubbo West PS	Western NSW
Kelso PS	Western NSW
Lithgow PS	Western NSW
Wellington PS	Western NSW
Glenroi Heights PS	Western NSW
Bennett Road PS	Western Sydney
Bidwell PS	Western Sydney
Blackett PS	Western Sydney
Lethbridge Park PS	Western Sydney
Marayong PS	Western Sydney
Shalvey PS	Western Sydney
Tregear PS	Western Sydney
Whalan PS	Western Sydney

5. As part of Best Start, the 120 FTE Literacy and Numeracy Leaders will continue to work in schools or across clusters of schools. The leaders will build capacity and expertise of teachers in the use of explicit literacy and numeracy strategies to improve the performance of their students.

As part of the Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan, the resource allocation of the equivalent of 120 FTE is to be used to support tier 2 (small groups) and tier 3 (individual) interventions in literacy and numeracy.

It can be used to access specialist services for students such as speech pathology, or personnel to deliver literacy and numeracy programs for K-2. Of this 120 FTE, 16 FTE are provided through funding to the Exodus Foundation.

6. There has been no reduction in the *Reading Recovery* teacher allocation to public schools across New South Wales for 2013.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

ALLOCATION FOR THE TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 INITIATIVE 2012/13

QUESTION

7 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – ALLOCATION FOR THE TRANSITION TO YEAR 7 INITIATIVE 2012/13 – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

What is the allocation for the Transition to Year 7 initiative for 2012/13, and given the Minister has said that Year 7 literacy and numeracy is an area where more improvement is needed, will the Government increase funding for the Transition to Year 7 initiative?

ANSWER

The Department of Education and Communities is yet to finalise internal budget allocations for 2012/13.

Adrian Piccoli MP

QUESTION ON NOTICE

GONSKI REVIEW

QUESTION

8 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – GONSKI REVIEW – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

How do you intend to meet the estimated growth in enrolment over the next 15-20 years, given the Department of Education and Communities' submission to the Gonski Review estimated NSW would need approximately 400 new schools, of which 257 would be government schools in the next 15 years?

ANSWER

The Department of Education and Communities has existing demographic and capital works planning processes for schools in New South Wales.

Adrian Piccoli MP

QUESTION ON NOTICE

QUESTION 9 - Ms Helen Westwood to the Minister for Education -

What are the Government's proposals for class sizes after 2016 given the Minister advised the SMH on 4 October that he only supports the current class size policy till 2016?

ANSWER

The NSW Teachers Federation has signed the Staffing Agreement, which has guaranteed that the current class size policy will be maintained until Term Two 2016.

I refer the Honourable Member to my responses to questions from the Honourable Penny Sharpe during Budget Estimates, which was:

"There are no plans to change them. We have not signed an agreement yet but the executive of the union has recommended to their council that it be signed. They will decide that later in October. That will be until 2016." (p17, Transcript)

and

"...but there is certainly no plan to change that beyond 2016." (p16, Transcript)

QUESTION ON NOTICE

DEMOUNTABLES ON SCHOOL SITES

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION -- the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education --

10. Does the Department have a policy about how many demountables are acceptable on a schools site?

ANSWER

10. The Department of Education and Communities does not have a policy in relation to this question as each school's circumstances can be different.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

INFRASTRUCTURE NSW REPORT

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION - the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

11. Is the Infrastructure NSW Report correct when it states that 29 schools are expected to be built over the next 10 years?

ANSWER

11. Yes.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

RELIEF TEACHER BUDGET SUPPLEMENTATION

QUESTION

12 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – RELIEF TEACHER BUDGET SUPPLEMENTATION – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Will schools that exceed their relief teacher budget continue to receive supplementation so that teaching programs at schools are not compromised?

ANSWER

Schools will continue to be able to apply for supplementation in 2012. Principals are required to provide supporting evidence before supplementation is paid.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

RELIEF TEACHER BUDGET SUPPLEMENTATION

QUESTION

13 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – RELIEF TEACHER BUDGET SUPPLEMENTATION – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Were all supplementation requests received for the 2011 school year paid in full and if not which schools did not have their supplementation request paid in full?

ANSWER

Yeş.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING – DISCUSSION PAPER

QUESTION

14 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING – DISCUSSION PAPER – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Will any additional funding be provided to implement any recommendations arising from the Great Teaching, Inspired Learning Discussion Paper?

ANSWER

Decisions on funding will be considered in the context of recommendations made to me by the authors of the paper following their consideration of feedback obtained during the consultation process.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING – DISCUSSION PAPER

QUESTION

15 - BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - GREAT TEACHING, INSPIRED LEARNING - DISCUSSION PAPER - The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education -

Are there any plans to limit the number of practicum places?

ANSWER

Any decision regarding practicum places will be considered in the context of recommendations made to me by the authors of the paper following their consideration of feedback obtained during the consultation process.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

MANDATORY ACCREDITATION FOR TEACHERS

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – Mandatory accreditation for teachers – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

- 16. Are there any plans to make accreditation mandatory for all teachers in NSW government schools?
- 17. How does the department monitor that teachers accredited after 1 October 2004 undertake the required 100 hours of professional learning over every 5 year period?

ANSWER

- 16. There are no plans to mandate that all teachers undertake accreditation.
- 17. The NSW Institute of Teachers monitors the requirement for new scheme teachers accredited at the level of Professional Competence to maintain their accreditation by completing 100 hours of professional learning over every five year period.

The NSW Institute of Teachers provides the Department with a six monthly report which enables the Department to monitor the maintenance of accreditation status of its teachers. The Department follows up with teachers, schools and School Education Directors as required.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BEGINNING TEACHERS INITIATIVE - 2012/13 FUNDING

QUESTION

18 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – BEGINNING TEACHERS INITIATIVE – 2012/13 FUNDING – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Will the Support for Beginning Teachers initiative continue for 2012-13 and how much funding will be allocated to the initiative in 2012-13?

ANSWER

Yes. I refer you to LA QON 2408.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - RURAL EDUCATION ACTION PLAN

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION - Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education -

- 19. Has the Rural Education Action plan been finalised?
- 20. What new funding has been allocated to implement the plan?

ANSWER

- 19. Representatives of the NSW Primary Principals' Association and the NSW Secondary Principals' Council have recently made small changes to the Rural Education Action Plan. It is ready to be implemented on a staged basis.
- 20. The Public Schools NSW portfolio has funded a new position titled Rural Action Plan Officer. The officer will collaborate with the NSW Primary Principals' Association and the NSW Secondary Principals' Council to implement the plan.

The Department of Education and Communities is yet to finalise internal budget allocations for 2012-13.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

RURAL EDUCATION – STANDING COUNCIL ON SCHOOL EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

QUESTION

21 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – RURAL EDUCATION – STANDING COUNCIL ON SCHOOL EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

What have been the outcomes so far from the agreement the Minister negotiated between State, Territory and Commonwealth Ministers to make rural education a priority of the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood?

ANSWER

The Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood has identified rural and regional education as one of the eight key reform areas in its Strategic Reform Framework. This Framework will guide the Council's work for the next 5-10 years.

Closing the divide between rural and remote students and metropolitan students is a priority area of the Standing Council's 2012-13 Work Plan.

Adrian Piccoli MP

QUESTION ON NOTICE

MINOR SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES 2012/13

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

- 22. In the 2012/13 Budget over \$123m is allocated for minor school infrastructure upgrades. What is the process for determining which schools receive funding from this source?
- 23. Which schools have received funding for minor school infrastructure upgrades in 2012/13?

ANSWER

22. The Department of Education and Communities' Schools Minor Capital Works Program includes sub-programs such as Upgrades and Additions; Integration; ICT; and Heritage Stonework among other targeted programs.

Each year programs are developed as follows:

- Capital works projects are identified during regular school visits by local Regional Asset Management Unit staff.
- Scopes of work are prepared and these projects are entered as project nominations into the Department's Asset Management System.
- School Regions are asked to identify their highest priority projects.
- Regional Asset Reference Groups consisting of the Regional Director, the Regional Asset Management Unit Manager, a school education director, the Regional Asset Planner and school principals meet to consider each Region's highest priority needs.
- Each of the 10 Region's prioritised needs are then considered and prioritised on a state wide basis to develop a state wide program of works.
- The state wide program of works is approved by the Minister for Education to the level of funding available in the capital works program.

23. A list of the schools that received funding in the 2012/13 minor capital works program can be sourced from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

School Name

Albury High School

Albury Public School

Alstonville High School

Ambarvale Public School

Annangrove Public School

Armidale High School

Artarmon Public School

Ashbury Public School

Ashcroft High School

Ashford Central School

Ashtonfield Public School

Asquith Girls High School

Asquith Public School

Austral Public School

Ballina High School

Ballina Public School

Bangalow Public School

Bankstown North Public School

Barellan Central School

Barham High School

Barrenjoey High School

Barrington Public School

Bass Hill Public School

Batemans Bay High School

Bathurst South Public School

Bellevue Hill Public School

Bellingen High School

Belmore Boys High School

Belmore North Public School

Berala Public School

Beresfield Public School

Berkeley Public School

Bert Oldfield Public School

Bigga Public School

Bilambil Public School

Bingara Central School

Birrong Girls High School

Blacktown West Public School

Bletchington Public School

Boambee Public School

Bodalla Public School

Bomaderry Public School

Bonalbo Central School

Bonnyrigg High School
Bonnyrigg Public School

Bourke High School

Bourke Street Public School

Bowning Public School

Bowral High School

Bradbury Public School

Brewongle Environmental Educ Centre

Brighton-Le-Sands Public School

Brisbane Water Sec College Woy Woy

Broken Hill High School

Brookvale Public School

Bundanoon Public School

Bundarra Central School

Durringhau Dublia Cabaal

Burringbar Public School

Busby West Public School

Byron Bay Public School

Cambridge Gardens Public School

Cambridge Park High School

Camden Haven High School

Camden South Public School

Cammeray Public School

Campbelltown North Public School

Campbelltown Performing Arts High

School

Canley Vale High School

Canterbury Girls High School

Canterbury Public School

Captains Flat Public School

Cardiff High School

Cardiff North Public School

Carinda Public School

Casino High School

Casino West Public School

Cessnock High School

Chalmers Road School

Charlestown East Public School

Chatham High School

Cherrybrook Technology High School

Chifley Public School

Chittaway Bay Public School

Clairgate Public School

Clare Public School

Claymore Public School

Cobargo Public School

Coffs Harbour High School Colyton Public School Concord West Public School

Condobolin High School Coolongolook Public School Coonamble Public School Cootamundra Public School

Cowra High School

Crescent Head Public School

Crestwood High School Cringila Public School Cronulla Public School

Cronulla South Public School
Crown Street Public School

Cudgegong Valley Public School

Culburra Public School Cumberland High School Cumnock Public School Cundletown Public School

Dapto High School

Denison College of SE Bathurst High

Campus

Doonside Public School Dorrigo High School Dorrigo Public School

Drummond Memorial Public School

Dubbo College Delroy Campus

Dubbo School of Distance Education

Dubbo South Public School

Dulwich Hill HS of Visual Arts and Design

Dunedoo Central School
Dungog High School
E A Southee Public School
East Hills Public School

Eden Marine High School
Edensor Park Public School
Edgeworth Heights Public School

Eglinton Public School

Elanora Heights Public School

Elderslie High School
Emmaville Central School
Empire Bay Public School
Emu Heights Public School
Epping Heights Public School
Epping North Public School

Epping Public School

Erina Heights Public School Erskine Park High School Fairfield High School Fennell Bay Public School Figtree Heights Public School

Finley High School Finley Public School Flinders Public School Floraville Public School Forest Lodge Public School

Forster Public School

Francis Greenway High School Frank Partridge VC Public School

Franklin Public School Galston High School

Garden Suburb Public School Gardeners Road Public School Georges River College Hurstville

Campus

Gilgai Public School Gilgandra High School

Gladesville Public School Glendale High School Glenquarry Public School Glenroi Heights Public School Gloucester Public School Goonellabah Public School Gorokan High School

Gosford East Public School Gosford High School Goulburn High School Grafton High School

Granville South Creative and Performing

Arts High

Granville South Public School

Great Lakes College Tuncurry Campus

Green Valley Public School

Greta Public School
Greystanes High School
Grose View Public School
Gulargambone Central School

Gum Flat Public School

Gundagai South Public School Gunnedah South Public School

Guyra Central School

Gwandalan Public School Gymea Bay Public School Hanwood Public School Harbord Public School Harrington Public School

Harrington Street Public School Helensburgh Public School Holbrook Public School Holgate Public School Holman Place School

Holroyd School

Hunter River High School

Illawarra Environmental Education

Centre

Iluka Public School

Ingleburn North Public School

Inverell High School Inverell Public School Irrawang High School

James Cook Boys Technology High

School

James Meehan High School

Jannali High School

Junee North Public School

Kadina High School

Kangaloon Public School

Karonga School

Katoomba High School Katoomba Public School

Keira High School

Kellyville Public School Kelso Public School Kempsey High School

Kempsey South Public School

Kentlyn Public School

Kings Langley Public School Kitchener Public School Kooringal High School Kotara South Public School

Kurrajong East Public School Kyogle High School Kyogle Public School

Lake Macquarie High School

Lakemba Public School Lambton High School

Lane Cove West Public School

Lavington Public School Lawson Public School Leichhardt Public School Lennox Head Public School

Leura Public School
Lidcombe Public School
Lilli Pilli Public School

Lindsay Park Public School

Lisarow High School

Lismore South Public School

Lithgow High School Lithgow Public School Liverpool Girls High School

Londonderry Public School Lowesdale Public School Macarthur Girls High School Macintyre High School Macksville High School Maclean High School

Maclean Public School Mainsbridge School

Maitland Grossmann High School

Maitland High School
Maitland Public School
Manilla Central School
Manly Village Public School
Manly West Public School
Marsden High School

Matthew Pearce Public School
Meadow Flat Public School

Melville High School Menai High School

Merewether Heights Public School

Merewether High School Merriwa Central School Miller High School

Millthorpe Public School
Milton Public School
Mimosa Public School
Minnamurra Public School
Miranda North Public School

Miranda Public School Mitchell High School Mittagong Public School Moama Public School Modanville Public School Model Farms High School

Mogo Public School Molong Central School Moorebank High School Moree Public School Moruva Public School Mount Austin High School Mount Keira Public School Mount Riverview Public School

Mount View High School Mudgee Public School Muirfield High School Mulwaree High School Murrumburrah High School

Murwillumbah Public School Nabiac Public School

Nana Glen Public School Narooma High School

Narrabeen Sports High School

Narrabri High School Narrandera Public School Narranga Public School Nemingha Public School **Neutral Bay Public School** Newcastle High School **Newington Public School**

Newtown High School of Performing Arts

Newtown North Public School Nimmitabel Public School

Normanhurst West Public School

North Nowra Public School

Northern Bchs Sec Col Cromer Campus

Northlakes High School

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts

High School

Ocean Shores Public School

Old Bar Public School Orange High School Orara High School Pambula Public School Para Meadows School Parkes East Public School

Parkes High School

Strathfield South Public School

Parkview Public School Petersham Public School Pittwater High School Plattsburg Public School Port Hacking High School Prairievale Public School Premer Public School Prestons Public School Primbee Public School Punchbowl Public School Putney Public School Quakers Hill Public School Quandialla Central School

Queanbeyan Public School

Quirindi Public School

Red Hill Environmental Educ Centre

Richmond River High School Rocky River Public School Rooty Hill High School Rose Bay Public School Rose Bay Secondary College Rowland Hassall School Rozelle Public School Rutherford Public School

Rydalmere East Public School Ryde Secondary College

Sackville Street Public School

Sandon Public School

Sandy Beach Public School

Scone Public School

Seven Hills North Public School

Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School

Sir Joseph Banks High School

Sofala Public School

South Grafton High School South Grafton Public School

South Sydney High School

Springdale Heights Public School

Springwood High School St Andrews Public School

St Clair High School

St Johns Park High School St Marys North Public School Strathfield North Public School Wagga Wagga High School

Sutton Forest Public School Tamworth South Public School

Taree High School Temora High School

Temora West Public School

Tenambit Public School Terranora Public School Terrigal High School

Teven-Tintenbar Public School

Tharawal Public School

The Beach School

The Crescent School

The Entrance Public School

The Forest High School

The Grange Public School

The Henry Lawson High School

The Hills Sports High School

The Meadows Public School

The Ponds School
Thirroul Public School

Thurgoona Public School

Tomaree High School

Tooleybuc Central School

Toomelah Public School

Toormina High School

Toormina Public School

Toronto High School

Trangie Central School

Trundle Central School

Tullibigeal Central School

Tuncurry Public School

Turramurra High School

Turramurra North Public School

Turramurra Public School

Tweed Heads Public School

Tweed River High School

Tyalla Public School

Ulladulla Public School

Unanderra Public School

Urunga Public School

Valley View Public School

Wade High School

Wallerawang Public School

Wallsend South Public School

Wamberal Public School

Waratah Public School

Warners Bay Public School

Warrawee Public School

Warren Central School

Warwick Farm Public School

Wauchope High School

Wee Waa Public School

Weethalle Public School

Wellington Public School

Werris Creek Public School

West Pymble Public School

West Wyalong Public School

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Westdale Public School

Westfields Sports High School

Westmead Public School

Westport High School

Wheeler Heights Public School

Wilcannia Central School

Willmot Public School

Willyama High School

Wilsons Creek Public School

Windsor High School

Wollongong West Public School

Wollumbin High School

Woodberry Public School

Woolgoolga High School

Woollahra Public School

Woonona Public School

Woronora River Public School

Woy Woy Public School

Wyoming Public School

Wyong Public School

Wyrallah Road Public School

Yagoona Public School

Yeoval Central School

York Public School

Young High School

Young Public School

QUESTION ON NOTICE

NEW HIGH SCHOOL AT MEDOWIE AND KELLYVILLE RIDGE

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

- 24. What progress has been made with building a new high school at Medowie?
- 25. What progress has been made with building a new high school at Kellyville Ridge?

ANSWER

- 24. The Department continues to actively monitor the education needs of Medowie.
- 25. The Ponds High School, which is expected to open on day one, Term 1 2015, will service the Kellyville Ridge area.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - FUNDING UPGRADE - RUTHERFORD TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

26. What funding will be provided to upgrade Rutherford Technology High School given it was built to cater for 800 students and now has over 1200 enrolled?

ANSWER

26. A project to upgrade facilities at Rutherford Technology High School has been developed by the Department of Education and Communities and will be considered for inclusion in a future Major Capital Works Program as part of the annual State Budget. I am unable to provide a definite timeframe for the inclusion of the project at this stage.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

DEMOUNTABLES - HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

QUESTION

27 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – DEMOUNTABLES – HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY SCHOOL – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

When will the demountables at Hunter River Community School be replaced given parents have said they are in "horrid disrepair"?

ANSWER

The Department of Education and Communities will replace the demountables at Hunter River Community School with permanent accommodation, using residual funds from the Building the Education Revolution program. The Department expects construction to be completed by the end of 2013.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – FUNDING – HURSTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE

QUESTION

28 - BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education -

How much funding has been allocated for the Hurstville Public School Upgrade for 2012/13, what is the scope of works and what is the estimated total cost of the project?

ANSWER

\$4,728,000 has been allocated in 2012/13 for the upgrade of Hurstville Public School. The estimated total cost of the project is \$6.8 million.

The scope of works at Hurstville Public School includes:

- A new two-storey classroom building with 11 classrooms; toilet facilities; a special programs room; withdrawal areas; and car parking underneath.
- A new external car park.
- A new Covered Outdoor Learning Area.
- An extension and refurbishment to the administration building.
- Two new practical activities areas in G Block.
- The refurbishment of 7 classrooms in G Block.
- The provision of a second new Covered Outdoor Learning Area, and
- An upgrade of the existing dirt car park on the school site to provide a formal car park.

Adrian Piccoli MP Minister for Education

QUESTION ON NOTICE

AIR-CONDITIONING - YAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education -

29. Will Yamba Public School receive funding to air-condition its classrooms as promised by the Government?

ANSWER

29. The Department of Education and Communities' Air Cooling Policy provides air cooling for all habitable spaces in schools where the mean maximum January temperature is 33°C or above. Yamba Public School has a mean maximum January temperature of 27 degrees Celsius and is not eligible for air cooling under the Program.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

REPLACEMENT OF HEATERS

QUESTION

30 - BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - REPLACEMENT OF HEATERS - Ms Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education -

How will the department keep track of heaters that need replacing and what is the cost of such monitoring?

ANSWER

Under the current Department of Education and Communities' Facilities Maintenance Contract, the Asset Maintenance Contractor carries out an inspection between February and April of each year on all heaters in schools to ensure they meet the current minimum performance standards. The Contractor determines if heaters are required to be repaired, replaced or maintained to a safe working order and responds accordingly.

In 2012/13, \$318 million has been allocated for the maintenance of NSW public schools. A breakdown of the funding allocation for repairs, replacement and maintenance of heaters is not available.

Adrian Piccoll

QUESTION ON NOTICE

ALLOCATION OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

QUESTION

31 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – ALLOCATION OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

How much has been allocated for school maintenance for 2012/13 and why is this information no longer provided in the Budget Papers?

ANSWER

In 2012/13, \$318 million has been allocated for the maintenance of NSW public schools.

Adrian Piccoli MP

QUESTION ON NOTICE

PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND - 2011/12 & 2012/13

QUESTION

32-BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-EDUCATION-PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND - 2011/12 & 2012/13 - The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education -

How much of the \$40m 4 year public school upgrade fund has been allocated in 2011/12 and in 2012/13?

ANSWER

The \$40m will be provided over four years at \$10m per year, commencing in 2011/12.

Adrian Piccott MP

QUESTION ON NOTICE

PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND - 2011/12 & 2012/13

QUESTION

33 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND – 2011/12 & 2012/13 – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Is this funding included in the overall maintenance funding figure?

ANSWER

Yes.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND - 2011/12 & 2012/13

QUESTION

34 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND – 2011/12 & 2012/13 – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Which schools received funding in 2011 from the public school upgrade fund and for what projects?

ANSWER

A list of the 139 projects in 126 schools approved under Round 1 of the Public School Upgrade Program can be sourced from the Clerk of the Legislative Council.

Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 34 – Westwood
School	Project Description
Abbotsford Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Albion Park High School	carpet/vinyl replacement
Alstonville High School	upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater or drainage
Annandale North Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Ashfield Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Auburn Girls High School	upgrade sport court facilities
Bald Face Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Ballina Public School	toilet renovation/replacement
Bangor Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Barrenjoey High School	toilet renovation/replacement
Bathurst Public School	canteen upgrade
Bathurst South Public School	upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater or drainage
Bellambi Public School	carpet/vinyl replacement
Beverley Park School	upgrade administration offices & staffroom
Beverley Park School	upgrade practical activities area in classrooms
Blacktown Girls High School	upgrade sports court facilities
Blakehurst High School	remediation/upgrade of grassed playground and resurfacing of external pavements
Blayney High School	internal/external painting
Bourke High School	replacement of floor coverings
Bourke High School	internal/external painting
Bourke Public School	replacement of floor coverings
Bourke Street Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Bourke Walgett School of Distance Ed	toilet renovation/replacement
Brewarrina Central School	upgrade access facilities (ramps, railings, stairs)
Briar Road Public School	replace sliding doors
Brighton-Le-Sands Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy	canteen upgrade
Burren Junction Public School	re-roofing of building B
Cambridge Park Public School	upgrade/resurface external pavement

Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 34 – Westwood
School	Project Description
Carlton South Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Caroline Chisholm School	upgrade roofs and gutters
Caroline Chisholm School	sewer works
Casino High School	upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater or drainage
Chalmers Road School	toilet renovation/replacement
Chalmers Road School	amenities upgrade for pool
Chester Hill High School	toilet renovation/replacement
Chifley College Dunheved Campus	upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater or drainage
Coffs Harbour Public School	painting (internal/external)
Collingullie Public School	electrical upgrade
Concord High School	toilet renovation/replacement
Condobolin High School	high shelter climate control
Condobolin High School	security screens for staff rooms
Condobolin High School	upgrade kitchen/food technology facilities
Coonamble Public School	internal/external painting
Corowa High School	metal fabrication equipment
Corrimal High School	painting of hall
Corrimal Public School	replace carpet in halls and stairwells
Corrimal Public School	replace carpet in library
Croydon Park Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Drummond Memorial Public School	electrical upgrade
Dubbo North Public School	toilet renovation/replacement
Dubbo South Public School	upgrade/resurface external pavement
Dubbo West Public School	upgrade/resurface external pavement
Dubbo West Public School	toilet renovation/replacement
Errowanbang Public School	internal/external painting
Figtree High School	replace floor coverings
Francis Greenway High School	sewer upgrade
Francis Greenway High School	sewer and grounds upgrade
Gerringong Public School	replace carpet

Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 34 – Westwood
School	Project Description
Glenvale School	fencing replacement
Gunnedah Public School	toilet renovation/replacement
Gwynneville Public School	toilet upgrade
Gymea Technology High School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Harrington Public School	toilet renovation/replacement
Hawkesbury High School	electrical upgrade
Hay War Memorial High School	upgrade sports courts facilities
Hayes Park Public School	toilet upgrade
Hurstville Grove Infants School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Ingleburn High School	toilet renovation/replacement
Ingleburn High School	food technology upgrade
Jasper Road Public School	upgrade sports court facilities
Kandos High School	toilet renovation/replacement
Keira High School	replace carpet in library
Kiama High School	kitchen upgrade
Kingsgrove North High School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Kingswood High School	canteen upgrade
Kirrawee High School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Kogarah Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Kororo Public School	painting (internal/external)
Kororo Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Kotara School	toilet renovation/replacement
Kurrambee School	upgrade sports court facilities
Laguna Street Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Lightning Ridge Central School	replacement of floor coverings
Lismore High School	refurbishment of double classroom to accommodate dance/drama performance area
Lurnea Public School	toilet renovation/replacement
Macintyre High School	upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater or drainage
Marton Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Menai High School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)

Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 34 – Westwood
School	Project Description
Mortdale Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Moss Vale High School	replace gutters and downpipes
Mount Ousley Public School	replace floor coverings
Mount Riverview Public School	upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater or drainage
Mount St Thomas Public School	replace floor coverings
Mount St Thomas Public School	replace floor coverings
Muirfield High School	upgrade kitchen/food technology facilities
Murray High School	upgrade roofs, gutters, stormwater or drainage
Murwillumbah High School	upgrade of Support Unit fencing and playground
Muswellbrook South Public School	sewerage lines
Narellan Public School	upgrade access facilities
Newcastle High School	canteen upgrade
Niland School	upgrade of basic facilities for safety reasons
Orange Grove Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Parramatta North Public School	safe pathway access
Pendle Hill Public School	upgrade/resurface external pavement
Pennant Hills High School	upgrade kitchen/food technology facilities
Penshurst Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Port Hacking High School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Queanbeyan West Public School	replace hall floor coverings
Richmond North Public School	upgrade/resurface external pavement
Riverside Girls High School	upgrade kitchen/food technology facilities
Rosewood Public School	electrical upgrade
Rutherford High School	upgrade kitchen/food technology facilities
Scarborough Public School	replace carpet
Smithtown Public School	toilet renovation/replacement
St Clair High School	repair to brick wall in high traffic area
St Marys North Public School	playground improvement
Stroud Public School	toilet renovation/replacement

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Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 34 – Westwood
School	Project Description
Sydney Distance Education High School	electrical upgrade
Sydney Girls High School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Telarah Public School	repair existing classrooms, significant termite damage
Tempe Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
The Forest High School	upgrade kitchen/food technology facilities
Tintinhull Public School	relocation of bubblers & associated structure
Toongabbie Public School	replacement of a covered walkway linking the office to the adjoining block
Ultimo Public School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Villawood North Public School	completion of security fencing
Villawood North Public School	kindergarten room upgrade
William Stimson Public School	painting
Windang Public School	toilet upgrade
Winston Hills Public School	school office upgrade
Wisemans Ferry Public School	repair/replace veranda and stairs
Wollumbin High School	upgrade Science Laboratories
Woniora Road School	replacement of floor coverings (carpet/vinyl)
Woolbrook Public School	upgrading & additions to heating
Woolgoolga Public School	painting (internal/external)
Woonona High School	toilet upgrade
Yanco Agricultural High School	refurbishment of bathrooms
Yass Public School	toilet upgrade

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND - 2011/12 & 2012/13

QUESTION

35 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL UPGRADE FUND – 2011/12 & 2012/13 – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Which schools received funding in 2012 from the public school upgrade fund and for what projects?

ANSWER

A list of the 164 projects in 153 schools approved under Round 2 of the Public School Upgrade Program can be sourced from the Clerk of the Legislative Council.

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Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 35 – Westwood
School	Project
Ambarvale High School	Fencing & Covered Walk way
Arncliffe West Infants School	Painting (Internal/External)
Arranounbai School	Upgrade Kitchen/Food Tech Facilities
Ashfield Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Athelstane Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Austinmer Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Barraba Central School	Telephone System Upgrade
Bass High School	Electrical Upgrade
Beauty Point Public School	Upgrade Sports Court Facilities
Beecroft Public School	Replacement of Floor Coverings (Carpet/Vinyl)
Belair Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Bellambi Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Bexley North Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Bexley Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Blacksmiths Public School	Canteen Upgrade
Blakehurst Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Bonville Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Boomi Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Booral Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Borenore Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Boronia Park Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Bridge Road School	Painting (Internal/External)
Brisbane Water Sec College Umina Campus	Upgrade Science Laboratories
Budgewoi Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Burrawang Public School	Upgrade Access Facilities (Ramps, Railings, Stairs)
Cabramatta Public School	Grassed Playground Resurface
Camden South Public School	School Grounds Upgrade
Candelo Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Caringbah North Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Caringbah Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Cattai Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement

Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 35 – Westwood
School	Project
Chertsey Public School	Upgrade Access Facilities (Ramps, Railings, Stairs)
Chifley College Shalvey Campus	Replacement of Floor Coverings (Carpet/Vinyl)
Como West Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Condobolin High School	Upgrade Science Laboratories
Condobolin Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Connells Point Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Coomealla High School	Painting (Internal/External)
Corindi Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Crawford Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
ronulla Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Cronulla South Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Cumberland High School	Hall stage curtaining system
awson Public School	Upgrade Sports Court Facilities
awson Public School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
oonside Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
ora Creek Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
ubbo College Delroy ampus	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
arlwood Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
arlwood Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
astwood Public School	Electrical Upgrade
astwood Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
den Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
mmaville Central School	Electrical Upgrade
mu Plains Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
ngadine High School	Painting (Internal/External)
oping West Public School	Replacement of Floor Coverings (Carpet/Vinyl)
skineville Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
anklin Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
irraween High School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
lebe Public School	Security Fence
ilebe Public School	Painting (Internal/External)

Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 35 – Westwood
School	Project
Glenmore Park Public School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
Glenmore Road Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Glenorie Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Gordon East Public School	Replacement of Floor Coverings (Carpet/Vinyl)
Gordon West Public School	Replacement of Floor Coverings (Carpet/Vinyl)
Grafton High School	Upgrade Sports Court Facilities
Grafton Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Great Lakes College Forster Campus	Canteen Upgrade
Green Square School	Painting (Internal/External)
Green Square School	Painting (Internal/External)
Greenway Park PS	Upgrade Roofs/Gutters/Stormwater & drainage
Griffith High School	Staff Common Room Kitchen Refurbishment
Gundagai Public School	Upgrade Sports Court Facilities
Gymea Bay Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Hurstville South Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Hurstville South Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
James Busby High School	External Painting
Junee High School	Update Wood and Metal Equipment requirements
Kadina High School	external covered learning area
Kahibah Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Kangaroo Valley Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Keiraville Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Kensington Public School	Various jobs and upgrades
Kingswood Public School	Replacement of Floor Coverings (Carpet/Vinyl)
Koonawarra Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Lalor Park Public School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
Largs Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Leura Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Liverpool Boys High School	Railings & Ramps
Macksville Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Macquarie Fields High School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement

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Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 35 – Westwood
School	Project
Maitland High School	Repair and renovation of poorly designed doors.
Manly West Public School	Canteen Upgrade
Marayong Public School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
Marayong South Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Marulan Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Menai High School	Painting (Internal/External)
Metford Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Metford Public School	Upgrade Access Facilities (Ramps, Railings, Stairs)
Millfield Public School	Shed Repair/Upgrade
Mitchell High School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
Mittagong Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Mortdale Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Mount Hutton Public School	Security Fence
Mount Pleasant Public School	Staffroom upgrade
Mount View High School	Electrical Upgrade
Mount Warrigal Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Mulgoa Public School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
Murrumburrah High School	Air Conditioning - Hall
Muswellbrook High School	Retaining Wall upgrade
Narraweena Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Narromine High School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Newtown North Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Newtown North Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
North Rocks Public School	Canteen Upgrade
Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Nowra East Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Otford Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Oyster Bay Public School	Security Fence
Pagewood Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Paterson Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Pendle Hill High School	Water efficient bubblers

Budget Estimates 2012	Public School Upgrade Fund QON 35 – Westwood
School	Project
Penshurst Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Petersham Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Port Hacking High School	Painting (Internal/External)
Port Macquarie Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Punchbowl Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Putney Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Queanbeyan South Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Richmond High School	Electrical Upgrade
Rose Bay Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Rose Bay Public School	Security Fence
Rose Bay Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Rose Bay Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Rozelle Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Ryde East Public School	Replace Stage in School Hall
Seven Hills West Public School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
Sir Henry Parkes Memorial Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Sir Joseph Banks High School	Upgrade Kitchen/Food Tech Facilities
Stewart House School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Sutherland Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Sydney Girls High School	Painting (Internal/External)
Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus	Painting (Internal/External)
Sylvania Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Tacoma Public School	Upgrade classroom
Temora High School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
Terrigal Public School	Upgrade/Resurface External Pavement
The Childrens Hospital School	Painting (Internal/External)
The Pocket Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement
Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Berkeley Vale	Upgrade Kitchen/Food Tech Facilities
Vaucluse Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Wardell Public School	Toilet Renovation/Replacement

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School	Project
Warialda Public School	Painting (Internal/External)
Wee Waa High School	Other
Wentworthville Public School	Canteen Upgrade
Westlawn Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Westport High School	Painting (Internal/External)
Wewak Street School	Renovation of school hall
Willmot Public School	Upgrade Roofs, Gutters, Stormwater or Drainage
Woodenbong Central School	Canteen Upgrade
Wyndham Public School	Septic system replacement
Wyong Grove Public School	Painting (Internal/External)

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

BEST PRACTICE SUN PROTECTION/PROTECTION FROM THE SUN GUIDELINES

QUESTION

36 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 –EDUCATION – BEST PRACTICE SUN PROTECTION/PROTECTION FROM THE SUN GUIDELINES – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

What is being done to ensure that all schools in NSW implement best-practice sun protection measures?

ANSWER

Government schools are required to provide a safe environment for students including the provision of protection from the sun.

Sun protection is supported as part of a range of departmental policies including the Protection from the Sun: Guidelines to assist in implementing the student welfare policy, School Uniform Policy, Excursions Policy, Guidelines for the Safe Conduct of Sport and Physical Activity in Schools and Sun Shade in Schools Guidelines. These recommend individual Government schools implement not just one approach but rather a range of strategies that work for their school.

Strategies may include personal protection measures such as the wearing of broad-brimmed hats and 30+ SPF, environmental measures and teaching about protection from the sun.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BEST PRACTICE SUN PROTECTION/PROTECTION FROM THE SUN GUIDELINES

QUESTION

37 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 –EDUCATION – BEST PRACTICE SUN PROTECTION/PROTECTION FROM THE SUN GUIDELINES – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Is the Department currently reviewing the Protection from the Sun guidelines, what is the process for review, and when will it be completed?

ANSWER

The Department of Education and Communities is already reviewing its *Protection* from the Sun Guidelines and advice to inform this review has been received from The Cancer Institute NSW and The Cancer Council NSW.

The Department will be providing principal groups with a copy of the revised Guidelines and it is expected that they will be implemented by schools in the 2013 school year.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

SAVING MEASURES -- BOARD OF STUDIES/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

QUESTION

38 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – SAVING MEASURES – BOARD OF STUDIES/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister Education –

How many positions will be lost at the Board of Studies as a result of saving measures?

ANSWER

The budget of the Board of Studies has been reduced in 2012-13 as a result of:

- the reduction in expenditure required in 2012-13 for the development of Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses in English, mathematics, science and history.
 The work will be completed by the end of December 2012.
- the abolition of the School Certificate and its replacement by the Record of School Achievement from 2012;
- lower priority activities to meet the Government's savings targets, including decisions to discontinue the HSC Advice Line and HSC portfolios from 2012;
- further efficiency savings to be implemented over the 2012-13 to 2015-16 period.

The Board will be making savings, as are all areas of government, equivalent to 35 full-time equivalent positions over four years. However, this needs to be considered in the context of the Board's full-time equivalent staffing being 754 in 2012-13. This staffing figure includes not only the Board's core staff but also the casual and temporary staff associated with the HSC and other cyclical activities. The Board will be reducing expenditure in some areas over the next four years. This is expected to occur through natural attrition, job redesign and voluntary redundancies.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

SAVING MEASURES – BOARD OF STUDIES/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

QUESTION

39 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – SAVING MEASURES – BOARD OF STUDIES/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister Education –

What will be cut from Curriculum Development and Support at the Board of Studies to accommodate the reduction in its budget of nearly \$2 million or 14% in 2012/13?

ANSWER

The reduction of \$1.9 million is explained by the reduction in funds required to complete the development of revised Kindergarten to Year 10 syllabuses incorporating Australian curriculum content in English, mathematics, science and history. This work was largely undertaken in 2011-12 from a specific one-off allocation which will cease when the work is completed in 2012-13.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

SAVING MEASURES – BOARD OF STUDIES/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT

QUESTION

40 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – SAVING MEASURES – BOARD OF STUDIES/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT – The Hon Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister Education –

Are there any plans to change the HSC English exams?

ANSWER

No.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES, GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES 2011/12 AND 2012/13

QUESTION

41 – BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES, GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES 2011/12 AND 2012/13 – Ms Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education –

Why do the 2012/13 Budget papers no longer include employees FTE, and a breakdown of employee related expenses and grants and subsidies in the Service Group Statements, as was provided in the 2011/12 Budget papers?

ANSWER

Questions about the formatting and content of Budget papers should be directed to the Treasurer.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES, GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES 2011/12 AND 2012/13

QUESTION

42 - BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - EMPLOYEE RELATED EXPENSES, GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES 2011/12 AND 2012/13 - Ms Helen Westwood MLC to the Minister for Education -

What are the employees FTE, employee related expenses and grants and subsidies for each of the Service Groups in 2012/13?

ANSWER

Questions about the formatting and content of Budget papers should be directed to the Treasurer.

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

FUNCTIONAL REALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS PORTFOLIO

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – Helen Westwood MLC - to ask the Minister for Education -

43. What are the savings in both dollar and FTE terms from the Functional Realignment of the Public Schools Portfolio?

ANSWER

43. The NSW Public Schools Portfolio realignment is currently being finalised.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

FUNCTIONAL REALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS PORTFOLIO

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – Helen Westwood MLC - to ask the Minister for Education -

44. What are the savings in both dollar and FTE terms from the restructure of the Regions?

ANSWER

44. The new model to replace regions is still being developed.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - LABOUR EXPENSE CAP - TEACHERS' SALARIES

QUESTION

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education -

45. Have all teachers' salaries been excluded from calculating the Labour Expense Cap impact for Education?

ANSWER

45. Yes. All school teachers' salaries have been excluded from calculating the Labour Expense Cap impact for Education.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

L3 LITERACY AND TEN NUMERACY PROGRAMS

QUESTION 46

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – L3 Literacy and TEN Numeracy programmes – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

Will the L3 Literacy Programme and the TEN numeracy programmes continue?

ANSWER

Yes. I am pleased to confirm that the Language, Learning and Literacy program, known as L3, and the Targeted Early Numeracy program, known as TEN, will be available in 2013.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

REVIEW OF LITERACY AND NUMERACY INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – Review of the literacy and numeracy intervention strategies in the early years – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

QUESTION 47

When will the Review regarding the effectiveness of literacy and numeracy intervention strategies in the early years be completed and will it be released publicly?

ANSWER -

It is expected that the review regarding the effectiveness of literacy and numeracy intervention strategies in the early years will be completed by the end of 2012. The Ministerial Advisory Group on Literacy and Numeracy will provide advice on the Review and it will be released following consideration of the Review's conclusions.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

NSW SCHOOLS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

QUESTION 48

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 - EDUCATION - NSW Schools Advisory Council meetings - The Hon H Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education -

How many times has the NSW Schools Advisory Council met since it was established at the end of last year?

ANSWER

The NSW Schools Advisory Council has met 3 times.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

SHOOTERS AND FISHERS PARTY EXPANSION OF SHOOTING AS A SCHOOL SPORT

QUESTION 49

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012 – EDUCATION – QON 49 Shooters and Fishers Party expansion of shooting as a school sport – the Hon Helen Westwood MLC to ask the Minister for Education –

Have there been any discussions with the Shooters and Fishers Party regarding the expansion of shooting as a school sport or classes involving firearms for schools in NSW since the 2011 Budget Estimates hearing?

ANSWER

The Department of Education and Communities has not had any discussions with the Shooters and Fishers Party regarding the expansion of shooting as a school sport, or classes involving firearms for schools in NSW, prior to or since the 2011 Budget Estimates hearing.

