

Questions on Notice

Mr Timms: My understanding is about 600 P5 and P6 schools in this State

We confirm that there are currently approximately 600 “small” schools – those rated P5 or P6 under the old ratings.

These schools may be invited to have an Associate Principal rather than a Principal (called a Teaching Principal under the new system).

It is our belief that this loss of autonomy will damage the close connection between the school and community it services. As that connection is lost, there is a risk that the special nature of the school will decline, leading to falls in enrolments – and therefore ultimately the risk of closure.