

## SCHOOL TRANSFERS - TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

[3.08 p.m.]

**Mrs TAYLOR** (Question) - My question is to the Minister for Education again. I have a newsletter from Montrose Bay High School which indicates that at the beginning of October they propose that the grade 8s which are currently at Claremont High School will move to the Rosetta campus of Montrose Bay High School. You would be aware, as I am, that currently the number of students at that site is all that is allowed until the traffic issues there have been resolved.

**Ms Thorp** - At the Montrose Bay site?

**Mrs TAYLOR** - Yes, the Montrose Bay site, which is on the Brooker Highway. We spoke about this in Estimates last week and I asked you the question but I certainly was not aware that students were intending to move before the beginning of next year. I believed that we had until the beginning of next year to resolve that traffic problem. I see now by the school newsletter that they are planning to move at least some of those students in October. Will the minister act urgently to resolve the traffic situation? I understand that the Brooker Highway and traffic is not your portfolio but, as Minister for Education, you do have the problem of the students.

**Ms THORP** - I thank the honourable member for her question. My understanding is that discussions are ongoing about the issue. I think there are differences of opinion based around the fact that the original Rosetta High School that opened in the early 1960s was passed on the proviso of having a certain population of students and the population of students envisaged for Montrose Bay High School is around the same amount.

**Mrs Taylor** - That's not correct.

**Ms THORP** - That is the understanding I have been given and that, therefore, there are conversations going on between DIER, the Education department and council, I understand, around proper traffic provisions. I can get an update on that for the honourable member.

**Mrs Taylor** - Thank you.

## FINANCE - TEMPORARY DEBT REPAYMENT ACCOUNT

[3.10 p.m.]

**Ms FORREST** (Question) - My question is to the honourable Treasurer. Treasurer, in the 2008-09 Budget the temporary debt repayment account was to receive \$37.3 million via output group 1 in Finance-General, but instead the Treasurer's annual financials for 2008-09 showed expenditure of \$27 million, increasing the temporary debt repayment account to a \$1 156 million deficit. Can you inform the Council what this \$27 million is related to and does this amount of expenditure from the Public Account require an appropriation? If not, is a request for additional funding required and, if so, when was that reported?

**Mr AIRD** - I thank the honourable member for her question. It is really quite interesting sitting beside the honourable member. We have these nice little chats and then, all of a sudden, she gets up and asks some really tough questions.

**Dr Goodwin** - Good on her!