

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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**Question:**

The Coalition's policy document states that "*all remote communities with unacceptable low attendance should be able to access SEAM. The Coalition will strengthen SEAM and implement it as an ongoing policy across remote and very remote regions that have attendance problems.*"

- (a) How will this be implemented?
- (b) Which communities SEAM being rolled out in? In what order? How will priority be determined?
- (c) How much will this cost?

**Answer:** Future approaches to the School Enrolment and Attendance through welfare reform Measure (SEAM) are being considered by the Commonwealth Government.