

# John Lenders Adjournment regarding the Beaumaris Campus

**Mr LENDERS** (Southern Metropolitan) —

The matter I raise is for the attention of the Minister for Education, and it relates to Sandringham College in my electorate. For the benefit of the house, Sandringham College has three campuses. At Sandringham there is the years 11 & 12 campus, and the years 7–10 feeder campuses are at Beaumaris and Highett. Mrs Coote represents the same electorate, and I acknowledge that.

16:55 As Mrs Coote will know, Sandringham College is in the process of an internal review of what its future will be. The college has three campuses, and the Beaumaris campus is one where enrolments are lagging. In fact the concern was such that a meeting was held at which more than 700 people turned up. That is a lot of people at a meeting. The community has a great interest this issue. I have had the privilege of meeting with a number of the parents from the Beaumaris campus of Sandringham College.

**Mrs Peulich** interjected.

**Mr LENDERS** — If Mrs Peulich, the Parliamentary Secretary for Education, wishes to mock the numbers and say there were only 400 people in attendance, not 700, I expect that would not be welcomed by the school. I do know that the Minister for Higher Education and Skills, Mr Hall, has actually visited the school to apprise himself of some of the issues there.

The action I seek from the Minister for Education is twofold. The first part is to honour the government's election commitment of \$6 million towards the school. The previous government commenced master planning for the school. I ask that the minister determine what that \$6 million is spent on in conjunction with the school community. By 'community' I mean the three components of Sandringham College.

In Beaumaris, where the enrolments are lagging, the community is keen to have a local secondary school — a community school — offering state education. There are a number of debates going on there at the moment. They include whether it is appropriate to have a year 7–12 co-ed school and whether it is appropriate to have a year 7–12 boys school. The local community is looking at a range of options it is keen to have considered. That is a good process. The community is very energised. For

700 people to attend a public meeting is quite an extraordinary figure and a sign of the community interest in ongoing issues in state education.

What I seek to do on behalf of the community is, firstly, to get a commitment from the minister that he will not unilaterally decide where that \$6 million is going and, secondly, to look at a portion of that funding going to

the Beaumaris campus to provide options going forward there. I would also urge the minister to apprise himself of the school like his colleague Mr Hall has done. I congratulate Mr Hall on having visited; he is a good and interested minister. Most importantly, I urge the Minister for Education to deliver good state education in Beaumaris in consultation with the families of the Beaumaris component of Sandringham College.

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