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LEADING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Hon. D. M. WELLS (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Education) (7.20 p.m.): I will take the question on notice. Right now, my business is to eat humble pie. This morning I tabled a list of special schools divided into Phase 2 Leading Schools and others. The list was drawn from the current departmental database and transposed into spreadsheet format by a member of my staff. Unknown to me, there were errors in the process and therefore multiple errors in the list. I now table a new and correct list.

This morning I tabled the list in good faith believing it to be accurate. Nevertheless, I inadvertently misled the House about the status of Calamvale Special School and a number of others. I apologise to the House for the error. I thank the member for Merrimac for bringing it to my attention. What remains true and is apparent from the correct list now tabled is that, under the previous Government, one set of special school children were going to be disadvantaged as against another.
