



# MP anger on staffing plan

SHADOW Minister for the Mid West Brian Ellis has slammed the Government, claiming it shunted his suggestion for State scholarships to address rural health and education woes.

The scholarships would assist and attract rural students to study for careers such as teaching, nursing, or medicine and were floated in Parliament last week after lobbying by the Curtin Student Guild.

“Research shows that graduates from rural and regional areas are four times more likely to work in those areas,” Mr Ellis said.

“I therefore asked the Minister if the Carpenter Government would set aside funding to provide annual scholarships.”

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State Government fobbed off the question by not answering it and asking for it to be put on notice.

“I will be placing the question ‘on notice’ to give the Minister time to get his act together — and I sincerely hope that during that time he has some healthy discussions with the Curtin University Guild and comes up with a positive answer.” Mr Ellis said.