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### **Minister bowled**

Politicians are used to handling tough questions on their feet, and Education Minister Lynne Kosky got to show some of her experience when she was bowled a googly after making a speech at University of Melbourne last week.

A Save Albert Park supporter asked how the Government could justify the \$21 million deficit recorded on the grand prix this year, especially when local school Albert Park College appeared doomed. Shortly afterwards Ms Kosky was ambushed by an anti-Steiner school parent, who questioned the Government's new policy of allowing alternative education streams in Victoria's state schools.

Ms Kosky got on the front foot, saying Steiner was about offering choice and telling the formula one naysayer that "with the grand prix, whether you like it or not, a lot of people actually do like it and they vote with their feet".

She said the school's challenge was to get the area's parents to do the same - vote with their feet and enrol their children at Albert Park College. But two nights later the school voted to close its doors.