

TAFE COLLEGES — MANAGING DIRECTORS

1258. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to the minister's announcement on 26 October 2016 of the appointment of five permanent managing directors to TAFE colleges.

- (1) Do any of these five managing directors have —
 - (a) any private or personal interest in the activities of private registered training organisations or other private providers in receipt of department funding for training operating in Western Australia; or
 - (b) any actual or perceived conflict of interest relating to a private registered training organisation or other private providers in receipt of department funding for training operating in Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1)(a) or (b), what are these interests and/or conflicts and have they been declared or disclosed?
- (3) What due diligence was carried out in selecting the five new MDs for these positions?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The Department of Training and Workforce Development advises —

- (1)
 - (a) No.
 - (b) Yes—for one managing director.
- (2) A family member of the managing director referred to in (1)(b) is the sole proprietor of a private training organisation. This interest has been declared to the Department of Training and Workforce Development and the governing council of the college. Any possible perceived conflict of interest is managed through the college governing council and also through standard procedure in contracting processes and frameworks managed by the department.

The Public Sector Commission advises —

- (3) The five offices of chief executive officer—managing director—are appointed under section 45 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994. The Public Sector Commission undertook the recruitment process which included the establishment of panels; advertising of the positions; short-listing based on the selection criteria; interviews of short-listed applicants; verification of statement of claims through referee checks; verification and production of evidence of qualifications; and nomination of suitable candidates to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development.