

GREAT SOUTHERN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY — VISUAL ARTS AND MUSIC COURSES

750. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

- (1) Is it true that music and arts students at the Great Southern Institute of Technology, TAFE WA, have received notice that the courses will no longer be publicly funded and there will be no more certificate II, III and IV and diploma music and arts courses run at any of the GSIT campuses from January 2013?
- (2) Is the minister aware that, with the cancellation of these courses, the nearest campus running these units is over 450 kilometres away?
- (3) Will the minister ensure that funding is maintained for the GSIT music and arts programs and that the courses are retained in the current format; and, if not, why not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) Yes, it is correct that students were notified that publicly funded visual arts and music courses will not be offered in 2013. However, following community feedback, the institute decided to offer publicly funded courses in certificates II and III in visual arts and music. In addition, a small number of publicly funded places will be made available to assist students currently enrolled in certificate IV in visual arts and certificate IV in music to complete their qualifications.
- (2) Publicly funded courses in certificate II and III in visual arts and music will be offered in 2013. However, there has not been sufficient demand for certificate IV and diploma in visual arts and music courses for the institute to continue the delivery of training.
- (3) Decisions on course offerings are made locally by the institute, with consideration of enrolment patterns and course viability.