

TEACHER REGISTRATION BOARD —
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF TEACHING BUILDING

360. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the new Teacher Registration Board, including confirmation during estimates hearings that the annual operating cost of the new board will be \$5 million, and to the minister's confirmation during debate on the Teacher Registration Bill that teachers currently pay \$5.2 million in annual fees.

- (1) What does the government plan to do with the extra \$200 000 above actual costs that it will collect each year from teachers?
- (2) How much does the government anticipate it will make from the sale of the building that housed the Western Australian College of Teaching?
- (3) What will the government do with the funds obtained from the sale of the WACOT building?

Dr E. CONSTABLE replied:

I thank the member for Warnbro for the question.

- (1)–(3) I think it was also said in that debate that WACOT is actually in financial trouble. Therefore, part of the funds from the sale of the building will go towards the debts that it has accumulated. I have no doubt that we will be able to maintain the fees at the current level of the WACOT fees with probably CPI increases from year to year. However, WACOT is in financial trouble and the proceeds of sale of the property will be very important in overcoming its difficulties.