

NORTH REGIONAL TAFE — PROTECTIVE CLOTHING POLICY

431. Hon KEN BASTON to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the *Broome Advertiser* article published on 1 February 2019 regarding the clothing policy at North Regional TAFE.

- (1) Is the protective clothing policy at North Regional TAFE identical to the clothing policy at South Regional TAFE and the metropolitan TAFE colleges?
- (2) If no to (1), how do they differ?
- (3) Could the minister please provide the number of heat-related incidents at North Regional TAFE Kimberley campuses in the following years—2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) There is no standard policy across the five TAFE colleges that stipulates that long-sleeved shirts and pants must be worn in workshops. The risk and appropriate clothing needed for individual industry areas are assessed by each of the college's occupational safety and health employees in conjunction with lecturers and employers of the students. Major resource, civil construction and local government clients in the north west insist that all works are carried out in long sleeves and long pants.
- (3) The information is provided in tabular form. I seek leave to have that incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

2016	0
2017	0
2018	4
2019	2
