

TAFE — DIPLOMA OF COMMERCE (HIGHER EDUCATION)

4032. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to the Diploma of Commerce (Higher Education) offered at Central Institute and ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm that the tuition fee for this one year diploma is \$10,000;
- (b) can the Minister also confirm that for a student accessing the program under the FEE-HELP system is subject to a 25% fee on top of that, bringing the total cost to \$12,500;
- (c) who receives the funds from the 25% fee;
- (d) why is the Diploma of Commerce (Higher Education) not subject to the fee cap for other diplomas; and
- (e) are there any other Diplomas offered by state training providers that are not subject to this cap, and if so, for each instance:
 - (i) what is the name of the course;
 - (ii) where is it offered; and
 - (iii) what are the tuition fees?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) A 25 per cent loan fee applies to all full fee paying students who access FEE HELP for higher education courses. The loan fee does not apply to students in a Commonwealth supported place at a public university.
- (c) The Commonwealth Government.
- (d) The course is a higher education course, not a publicly funded Vocational Education and Training (VET) course, which means that the State regulated fee cap does not apply.
- (e) (i)–(iii)

The following two higher education diploma courses are also offered by STPs:

- Diploma of Programming (Applications), Polytechnic West (Thornlie Campus), \$11,280;
- Diploma of Network Technology, Polytechnic West (Thornlie Campus), \$11,280.