

AUSTRALIAN TRADES COLLEGE — SCHOOL-BASED TRAINEESHIPS

489. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister withdraw funding to the ATC, given that it is currently advertising that it will continue this scheme in 2013? It has failed the government in 2012, so the minister should withdraw funding from that organisation for 2013. Will the minister do so?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

I just want to clarify something: is the member saying that we should withdraw funding for apprenticeships in this state? I just want to clarify that point because we are committed to looking after apprentices and trainees, and that is what I am hearing.

Several members interjected.

Mr P.C. Tinley: You can't verbal him here!

The SPEAKER: I suggest to the member for Willagee that if you want to spend any further time in this place today, that you remain absolutely silent. I hope that will be your decision. Minister, have you completed your speech?

Mr M.J. COWPER: I have a couple of short points I want to make, one being that perhaps the member for Willagee should stop shooting his mouth off and understand —

Point of Order

Mr P.C. TINLEY: You are telling me to be silent when he has a gob on him like a Mack truck!

The SPEAKER: Member for Willagee and the minister, both of you have had an opportunity in this place in question time to ask and answer questions. If you are interested in talking about other issues between each other, I suggest that you talk to each other outside the chamber.