

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE — STATE ELECTORATES

479. Ms J.M. FREEMAN to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I have a supplementary question. I have stood in this house and made the minister aware that one in four people in the Mirrabooka–Balga area is unemployed. We now have data that shows that, in the whole of the electorate, 17 per cent are unemployed. She is the Minister for Training and Workforce Development. I have raised this with her. What is she doing?

The SPEAKER: This is not a speech, member for Mirrabooka. Short questions!

Ms J.M. FREEMAN: What is the Minister for Training and Workforce Development doing to deliver to these people who are in urgent need of employment assistance and TAFE training?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

Clearly, the member was not listening. I am reforming the TAFE sector to make it efficient and to ensure that it can deliver programs where we need them to people who need them to get them into jobs. I am delivering efficiencies through the sector, so that instead of money going into administration jobs, it is going into training. It is revolutionary! Do I fund administration jobs or do I fund training positions? We work with private registered training organisations and we work with the Department of Training and Workforce Development to deliver a large suite of programs. I would be happy to sit down with the member for Mirrabooka and give her a three-hour briefing on all that we are doing in training and workforce development in her community.

Ms J.M. Freeman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mirrabooka, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is a not insubstantial commitment of this government.

Ms J.M. Freeman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mirrabooka, I call you to order for the second time. Quick answer, minister.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Since we have been in government, over \$288 million has been invested in TAFE infrastructure, and over the next four years, over \$2 billion will go into training. That is what we are doing for our community, and we will do it efficiently and effectively.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Cockburn, I would stop shouting out if I were you.