

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING — STRATTON REVIEW

3189. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I draw the Minister's attention to the *Stratton Review of the Operation and Effectiveness of the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund and Levy Collection Act* (the Review), and I ask:

- (a) the Review made a number of recommendations, when will the Government provide a timeline on its response and plan for the recommendations in the report and if not, why not;
- (b) the 7<sup>th</sup> dot point of the recommendations calls for the “withdrawal of the current exemption applying to engineering construction projects in the resources sector and consider applying a tiered levy based on project value,” will you support this suggestion and if not, why not; and
- (c) Western Australia has the worst ratio of apprentices to trades people in construction in Australia (according to the *National Centre for Vocational Education Research Report 2014a*; table 12); given this statistic, please explain to the House and the Broader community, why the government has failed to act on the recommendations contained in the Review?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (a) The review concluded that the Construction Training Fund is operating effectively and contributing to an increase in skilled workers in the construction industry. The review made a number of recommendations, the majority of which the Government has endorsed and which are being acted on.  
If the Member has concerns about any particular recommendation, I request that a specific question be put on notice.
- (b) Withdrawal of the current exemption applying to engineering construction in the resources sector was the only recommendation not supported by the Government.
- (c) Refer to (a).