

TECHNICAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION — COURSE AND TRAINING OPTIONS

483. Mr F.M. LOGAN to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

Mr Speaker —

Mr D.A. Templeman: Don't stuff it up this time!

Mr F.M. LOGAN: In order not to upset the sensibilities of the Speaker, I will frame the question in the following way. I remind the minister of her statement to this house a couple of weeks ago about the new courses offered by TAFE that will help create jobs and drive economic change. I asked her which courses would be offered.

- (1) Is the new certificate III in tourism—onshore cruise operations—offered by Central TAFE one of the new courses the minister was trying to think of?
- (2) Will the new jobs that the minister is referring to come out of the training partnership between Central TAFE and Akorn Destination Management in the certificate III in onshore cruise operations?
- (3) Given that this new course will require students to pay for the TAFE training whilst undertaking unpaid work experience for Akorn, is this the future of the government's Future Skills policy?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

- (1)–(3) I feel quite chuffed that the member for Cockburn thinks I would have an understanding of and be able to recite to this house the ins and outs of the over 1 600 training courses that are available right across the state in all our training colleges in Western Australia. If the member for Cockburn wants the specifics of a particular course, he will need to put a question on notice. We are prioritising effort in over 600 priority skills areas and over 500 apprenticeships and traineeships. We have 80 priority skills areas in Western Australia that we know need a targeted effort. If the member wants to know about a specific course and the ins and outs of its funding, he should write to me or put a question on notice.