

C.Y. O'CONNOR INSTITUTE — BUDGET

**683. Hon DARREN WEST to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

- (1) Can the minister confirm that the C.Y. O'Connor Institute has had a \$1 million cut to its 2014 budget?
- (2) If no to (1), by how much will this college's budget be cut?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Department of Training and Workforce Development is currently negotiating the 2014 training delivery with training providers. The C.Y. O'Connor Institute has submitted its 2014 budget estimates, but they are yet to be approved. Once the estimates have been approved, they will be published in the institute's 2013 annual report due to be tabled in Parliament in March 2014. It should be noted that the Liberal-National government has recently committed considerable funding to the C.Y. O'Connor Institute to implement its bachelor of agribusiness degree at the Muresk Institute in partnership with Charles Sturt University. This funding has been made available as a result of the government's \$300 million commitment to agriculture, announced in the recent state budget.
- (2) Not applicable.