

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE — ENROLMENTS

441. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Minister for Education and Training:

My question without notice of which some notice has been given is directed to the Minister for Education and Training, on behalf of Hon Jim Chown, who deeply regrets his absence on urgent parliamentary business.

- (1) What is the current number of enrolments at South Regional TAFE's Busselton campus?
- (2) What are the projected enrolments at this facility for the next three years?
- (3) What plans does the government have in place to meet the future expected growth of student numbers in the south west, particularly in and around Vasse?
- (4) What is the current status of negotiations for a second TAFE facility in the south west region, particularly in and around Vasse; and
 - (a) is there a time frame for a site to be secured; and, if not, why not; and
 - (b) is there a time frame for this facility to be built; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question and for his commitment to the south west of Western Australia.

- (1) There are 300 students currently enrolled at the Busselton campus.
- (2) Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics March 2018 data, the South West Development Commission cites 2.3 per cent growth for Busselton's population from 2013 to March 2018. It is likely the campus growth will mirror the 2.3 per cent growth over the next five-year period of average annual growth.
- (3) The Department of Training and Workforce Development continues to monitor population growth and training demands in the south west.
- (4) There is no time frame for securing a second TAFE site in the south west region, as funding must first be approved.