

TRAINING ENROLMENT FIGURES

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

I have a supplementary question. Given that these figures are from 2013–14 and do not even reflect the further two significant increases that have been applied, will the minister now acknowledge that those fee increases have had a disastrous impact on the government's WA TAFE policies? It is completely right in front of the minister.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cockburn, you have asked your question.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:**

I think the member needs to read the responses to the questions on notice that have been asked about this area. There is no disaster in our TAFE colleges—absolutely the contrary. Right across the state, our TAFEs are adjusting. Some of them have had to adjust rapidly to changing economic conditions. Some are flourishing and have had massive increases in enrolments. It varies across the state.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call the member for Albany to order for the third time and the member for Cockburn for the second time.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** We are seeing an increase in enrolment in foundation skills courses. Those courses teach people basic numeracy and literacy so that they can go on to other skill sets and training, and go into a priority skills area and get trained into a job. There is no disaster. I know the member would love to be talking about a disaster in the training sector, but there is no disaster. A nine per cent increase in the number of people enrolling in training that leads to employment is not a disaster; it is a success.