

TAFE COLLEGES

**66. Mr M. McGOWAN to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I have a supplementary question. Minister, is it the case that there was a contestable market and a large number of private providers in 2009, and that therefore the model that the Liberal–National government has put in place has absolutely failed?

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

The Leader of the Opposition is incorrect; the explosion of private registered training organisations has been significant. There are now thousands of private training providers. There are problems with some of the private training providers, and those problems are being addressed through the ministerial council process, with state training ministers and our federal counterpart looking at ways to ensure that we are reining in rogue operators.

**Mr F.M. Logan** interjected.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I am happy to say that because of the strong performance of our Training Accreditation Council and our State Training Board in Western Australia, we have had the lowest incidences of rogue operators compared with every other state. But we will keep the pressure on. The issue that the member for Cockburn is interjecting on is a federal issue around Australian Skills Quality Authority registration, which is being addressed through a different forum. We will continue to push on with reform, because we need as much of our taxpayer dollars in the training sector going towards delivering student training outcomes. That is my purpose, and I will push on with reform.