

TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT — ENROLLED APPRENTICES

3870. Mr F.M. Logan to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

- (1) How many apprentices were enrolled and how many completed the following courses over the years 2008 to 2014 inclusive:
 - (a) Car and Marine Trimming;
 - (b) Furniture Polishing;
 - (c) Wood Turning;
 - (d) Floor Laying; and
 - (e) Furniture Upholstery?
- (2) Which other TAFE colleges in Western Australia offer the above courses?
- (3) If the above courses are no longer available in Western Australia and students have to study in the eastern states, who is responsible for their airfares, accommodation and course fees?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (1) (a)–(e) [See tabled paper no 2831.]
- (2) Polytechnic West is the only State Training Provider to have offered any of the courses listed in (1) since 2012.

Prior to 2012, Great Southern Institute of Technology had two commencements in 2010 and one commencement in 2012 in the Machine Woodworking and Wood Machinist Apprenticeships.
- (3) Where the off the job training component of an apprenticeship is no longer offered in Western Australia, the Department of Training and Workforce Development meets the cost of the airfares and contributes \$110 per night towards the cost of accommodation. Course fees are the responsibility of the apprentice, or in some cases, their employer, depending on which industrial award they are employed under.