

MOULD OUTBREAKS — SOUTH HEDLAND AND PUNDULMURRA TAFE CAMPUSES

791. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to the mould outbreak in buildings at the South Hedland and Pundulmurra TAFE campuses.

- (1) Will the minister give a direction to ensure that Pilbara TAFE management does not in any way attempt to identify TAFE staff whistleblowers who have made public the handling of this issue?
- (2) What steps will the minister take to ensure the government is acting to respond positively to the concerns and issues raised in the *North West Telegraph* on 14 September in relation to this matter?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The management of Pilbara TAFE will follow the principles outlined in the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003 in dealing with staff that have made public the handling of this issue.
- (2) The Department of Training and Workforce Development is facilitating discussions with Pilbara TAFE to identify responsibilities and will source resources to effectively address the mould situation at both campuses. The department and Pilbara TAFE are also working with Building Management and Works to address the mould issues as quickly as possible.