

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING — VETiS CONSULTING SERVICES

147. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the decision by the Australian Skills Quality Authority on 8 March 2019 to cancel the registration of VETiS Consulting Services as a provider of vocational education and training.

- (1) How many schools were offering a VET qualification via VETiS Consulting Services this year?
- (2) How many students are affected by this decision?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that TAFE has taken over responsibility for the delivery of the relevant VET qualifications previously being provided by VETiS?
- (4) What additional requirements are being placed on schools to transition to the new provider, and what support has been given to schools by the department to assist in this transition?
- (5) Can the minister assure the house that students who have been affected by this decision will not be disadvantaged?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for giving me a little notice of this so that I could provide her with an answer. The first thing that is important to understand is that the delivery of courses to students is still done by schoolteachers. It was done by schoolteachers under VETiS and it will be done by schoolteachers once TAFE takes over the auspicing. What VETiS did was certify that the course had been delivered and the students had met the qualifications attached to that course. In respect of the specifics asked by the honourable member —

- (1) Sixty-four public schools were offering a VET qualification via VETiS.
- (2) The number of students affected by the decision is 6 889 potential enrolments in public schools. I will talk a bit about the difference between those and private schools in a minute.
- (3) Yes, TAFE has taken over the responsibility of auspicing the assessment of the qualifications. The delivery does not change; the auspicing arrangements have changed.
- (4) The Department of Education, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, the Department of Training and Workforce Development and the TAFE colleges have worked really closely, hard and fast together to provide support since we were officially advised of the decision by the Australian Skills Quality Authority to deregister VETiS. The Department of Education will meet the costs for those schools that will use TAFE, which will take over the auspicing.
- (5) Yes, I can assure the house that students will not be disadvantaged.

I will just add an additional bit of information. We will not get the information on the number of students affected in private schools until the end of March. The information I have given the member is about public schools.