

**TAFE SECTOR — STATE MANAGEMENT**

*Statement by Minister for Training and Workforce Development*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Minister for Training and Workforce Development)** [2.01 pm]: In February this year, I tabled the “Western Australian Training Sector Reform” review paper in this place. On 11 April 2016, the 11 TAFE colleges were reduced to five colleges, with all 70 campus locations remaining unchanged. This realignment will increase opportunities for students through greater collaboration and sharing of resources across regional and metropolitan colleges.

I am pleased to announce the outcome of the deliberations of the governing councils and to provide a further update on the locations of the managing directors’ offices for our newly formed TAFEs. The governing councils considered a range of factors, such as college campus accessibility and services available at each location. The Bunbury campus will be the primary location for South Regional TAFE interim managing director Duncan Anderson. The Geraldton campus will be the primary location for Central Regional TAFE interim managing director Bill Swetman. The Broome campus will be the primary location for North Regional TAFE interim managing director Kevin Doig. The Joondalup campus will be the primary location for North Metropolitan TAFE interim managing director Michelle Hoad. The Bentley campus will be the primary location for South Metropolitan TAFE interim managing director Terry Durant as part of a two-phased relocation approach. The office will be relocated to purpose-built facilities at the Murdoch campus once construction is completed in mid-2017.

The governing councils will rotate their meetings through each of the college’s campuses to develop a close understanding of the needs of local businesses and communities. The corporate executive staff will be situated at the major campuses to maintain a strong staff presence at these locations. In addition, the new executive teams have met and established some underpinning principles for growing the TAFE business and improving training access for people across Western Australia. TAFE colleges are a significant cornerstone of Western Australia’s vocational education and training system, and the changes we are implementing will ensure that this position continues to strengthen.