

TAFE — PLACEMENTS — DRUG TESTING

974. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Training:

I refer the minister to TAFE's work placement and industry partnership scheme here in WA.

- (1) Do any of the partner institutions with which TAFE works require students to undergo drug testing before or during their placements?
- (2) If yes to (1), what manner of testing is required and what drugs are screened for?
- (3) Is any allowance made within the testing regime for students who have a prescription for medicinal cannabis?
- (4) If no to (3), how can a TAFE student with such a prescription appeal against a decision that unfairly discriminates against them due to their reliance upon a legal, properly prescribed medication?

Hon PIERRE YANG replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Training.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The policy of the host employer for the work placement would determine the manner of testing and the drugs that would be screened for.
- (3) Refer to the response to (2).
- (4) The policy of the host employer for the work placement would determine the appeals policy and procedure.