

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

Department of Training and Workforce Development

Hon Wilson Tucker MLC asked:

1) Please identify digital inclusion initiatives administered by the agency, and for each initiative, please provide:

a) The total investment, in both FY 2022-23, and over the forward estimates; and

Answer:

Lower fees, local skills qualifications in digital skills

The *Lower fees, local skills* initiative which includes over 200 priority courses, including digital skills ICT courses.

Digital literacy skill sets

The Department of Training and Workforce Development has approved the establishment of two State skill sets to address digital literacy for digitally disadvantaged people:

- Introductory Digital Literacy Skill Set; and
- Digital Literacy Skill Set.

Delivery will be funded through the Department's existing training budget.

ICT higher traineeships

The following higher traineeships were recently established:

- Certificate IV in Cyber Security; and
- Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Information Technology.

Delivery will be funded through the Department's existing training budget.

Online training platform

The Department of Training and Workforce Development funds the online training platform for TAFE colleges to enable training to be delivered through online or blended methods at around \$700,000 per annum.

Technology upgrades at TAFE colleges to enable online/blended training delivery

As part of the new Balga classroom block, the Department of Training and Workforce Development has used Remedial Works Program funding of \$450,000 to replace outdated cabling across the campus with fibre optics.

The Department of Training and Workforce Development provides ICT infrastructure for TAFE colleges at around \$2.62 million per annum.

b) The KPIs by which the initiative's success may be measured.

Answer:

Student enrolments.

Minister's initials

