

FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR TRAINING SCHOOL, NORTHAM

2503. Hon Alison Xamon to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development  
I refer to the Ministerial Statement of 20 August 2009, regarding the Australian Flight Instructor Training School (AFITS) to be based at Northam, and ask —

- (1) How many instructors have been engaged to work at AFITS?
- (2) How many students have commenced at AFITS?
- (3) How many students have completed training at AFITS?
- (4) Has the \$500 000 boost to funding made in the announcement, been disbursed to the project?
- (5) If yes to (4), what has that money been spent upon?
- (6) Has the Ministerial Taskforce finalised the report on the future of the aviation industry in the Wheatbelt?
- (7) If yes to (6), please table the document
- (8) If no to (6), when does the Minister expect that the report will be finalised?

Hon WENDY DUNCAN replied:

- (1) Three
- (2)-(3) Nil
- (4) To date payments totalling \$335,000 have been made to the Avon Community Development Foundation.
- (5) Buildings and other chattels on Lot 19 and Lot 27 Northam airfield along with legal fees to establish contracts for a commercial lease with the Australian Flight Instructor Training School (AFITS).
- (6) Yes, the Wheatbelt Aviation Strategy Ministerial Taskforce Final Report has been completed and is due to be submitted in the near future.
- (7) Once the final report is received, this document will be tabled in Parliament.
- (8) Not applicable.