

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY, STUDENT GUILD, FINANCIAL REPORTS

2695. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Education and Training

I refer the Minister to recent correspondence, dated March 2004, sent to students at Edith Cowan University from the Governing Council regarding the University's student guild and annual Amenities Fee introduced by the Gallop Labor Government, and ask -

- (a) has the Minister seen a copy of this letter;
- (b) has the Minister contacted the University Council to investigate the background to the letter;
- (c) if not, why not;
- (d) has the Minister contacted the University's student guild to investigate the back ground to the letter;
- (e) if not, why not;
- (f) does the Minister share the concerns of the University Council that the student guild has not supplied any financial reports to the University Council to account for the \$1.5million of funding;
- (g) will the Minister investigate and report on the Edith Cowan University student guild's financial affairs to allay the concerns of both the University Council and the student body; and
- (h) if not, why not?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

- (a) No.
- (b) No.
- (c) See (a) and (b)
- (d) No.
- (e) See (d)
- (f) Accountability issues, where they exist, are always matters of concern.
- (g)-(h) All public Universities have internal processes in place that ought to be able to resolve issues of this kind.