

STATE TRAINING PROVIDERS — GOLD PLATE AWARDS

**865. Mr F.A. ALBAN to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

Can the minister please update the house on the performance of the state's —

**Mr M. McGowan** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Leader of the Opposition! Start again, please, member.

**Mr F.A. ALBAN:** Can the minister please update the house on the performance of the state's training providers in the recent Gold Plate Awards for Western Australia, which recognise excellence across the hospitality industry?

**Dr K.D. HAMES replied:**

The Gold Plate Awards are highly valued in the industry and the Catering Institute of Australia has been presenting them since 1967 in recognition of venues providing very high quality service, and particularly, high-quality meals. Bentley Pines Restaurant is a training restaurant staffed by a chef and people training in that side of the industry. The front-of-house staff serving and looking after people at tables are also trainees. There are also trainee baristas and trainees serve the alcohol as well. I am very pleased to announce that this year it won best restaurant in the training establishment category. This is not only the second year in a row that it has won the award, but it has won it four times in the last seven years—2008, 2009, 2013 and again in 2014. Bentley Pines has occasions on which it has a guest chef. I was lucky enough to go there when the guest chef was from Crown Casino. I am pleased to say that I have been invited to go as the guest chef, and we are raising funds for Youth Focus.

**Ms M.M. Quirk:** Baked beans on toast?

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** No, we are not having that. Our entree will be lobster bisque. I can go through the rest of the menu if the member wants.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, members! You are making me salivate, minister.

**Dr K.D. HAMES:** The money that is raised from that will go to Youth Focus, which is a fantastic youth group putting a huge amount of work into young people. The public will pay to come and eat. I will be supervising, but the students will be doing the work. Most of the food and alcohol is donated by different organisations throughout the state, all because the outcome is that funds will go to Youth Focus, which is a great cause.