

MURESK CAMPUS

158. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:

I refer to the minister's media statement of 6 October 2011 in relation to the Muresk agricultural campus.

- (1) Is it the government's intention to implement all the recommendations in each of the reports into Muresk by Hon Phil Gardiner and by Hon Hendy Cowan; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Is the task of the managing director, Mr Steve Cooper, to implement a new strategic business model, the same as that of Mr Jeff Gunningham, appointed in August 2011 as general manager, to prepare a business plan for the campus; and, if not, can the minister explain the apparent duplication of tasks?
- (3) When will the promised \$10 million be available to the campus?
- (4) How much of the \$10 million will be spent on expanded course content and how much on capital upgrades?
- (5) Was the meeting with the Muresk Old Collegians' Association, planned for October but subsequently cancelled, rescheduled; and, if so, when did it occur?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The reports by Hon Phil Gardiner and Hon Hendy Cowan have been extremely helpful in shaping the future of Muresk. The direction for the future of Muresk is largely in keeping with the recommendations of those reports. Some variation is likely, due to changes in circumstances and opportunities since those reports were written.
- (2) They are the same role. Mr Gunningham had to finish the role unexpectedly and Mr Cooper replaced him.
- (3) The release of the royalties for regions funding is subject to a cabinet process. It is anticipated that this will be concluded in late April or early May.
- (4) The purpose of the funding is not for expanded course content.
- (5) The meeting between me and the Muresk Old Collegians' Association was held on 6 December 2011.