

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GROUP TRAINING SCHEME, FUNDING

571. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection

I refer to the Western Australian Group Training Scheme and ask –

- (a) is the Scheme in financial trouble;
- (b) is the Scheme waiting on a significant amount of funding from the State Government;
- (c) is this amount \$50,000;
- (d) has this funding been delayed;
- (e) if so, why;
- (f) when will this funding be provided;
- (g) will the Scheme collapse without this funding;
- (h) does the Government regard the continuation of the Scheme as important; and
- (i) has the Government considered what might happen if the Scheme collapses?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) I am advised the Department of Training is closely monitoring the Western Australian Group Training Scheme's (WAGTS) financial position.
- (b) No. The Department of Training has provided \$60,350 to the WAGTS, as the first instalment of its 2002-2003 financial year grant. The Department has also agreed to an advance second payment for 2002-2003 of \$60,350 on return of a Resource Agreement which has been with WAGTS since 12 November 2002. The usual date of this second payment would be February 2003.
- (c)-(g) Not applicable
- (h) The Government is a strong supporter of group training schemes.
- (i) In these situations, the Department of Training coordinates the transfer of all apprentices and trainees to alternative Group Training Schemes as quickly and as efficiently as possible.