

TRANSPORT — WA FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS CONFERENCE

5716. Ms M.J. Davies to the minister representing the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to the WA Freight and Logistics Conference held on 24 October 2019, where the Minister committed to a driver academy during her presentation to delegates, and I ask:

- (a) Where will the driver academy be located;
- (b) What consultation has been undertaken to determine where the academy should be located;
- (c) What will the cost of establishing and running the driver academy be;
- (d) What level of financial contribution will be made by the state government;
- (e) Will other funding be required to establish and run the academy;
- (f) If yes to (e) please list where it will come from and how much each contributor will make;
- (g) When will the academy be open for business; and
- (h) Please describe the fee structure for students accessing the academy?

Mr P. Papalia replied:

- (a)–(h) The State government supports the strengthening of skills training for truck drivers in the heavy haulage industry.

The Department of Training and Workforce Development is currently consulting with the Department of Transport and representatives of the industry to ascertain skills requirements and delivery options. A proposal addressing training requirements, location(s) and associated costs is being developed. Details of the initiative will be provided once a decision is made.