

WEST COAST COLLEGE OF TAFE, CARINE CAMPUS, CLOSURE

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

I refer the Minister to his announcement that the Carine Campus of West Coast College of TAFE is due to be closed in 2003, and ask -

- (a) is the Minister aware that the Carine Campus is the only Hospitality Vocational education and training facility currently servicing the North West Metropolitan region;
- (b) is the Minister aware that with the closure of Carine Campus, there will be no Hospitality training provider servicing the regions needs;
- (c) is the Minister aware that the City of Joondalup, Edith Cowan University and West Coast College of TAFE support a new Hospitality training facility being established as part of the learning prescient of Edith Cowan University and West Coast College;
- (d) is the Minister aware that 2 to 7 times as many young people under 15 years of age, dependent students aged 15 to 24 years, reside in the Wanneroo and Joondalup area, than in any other locality in the northern suburbs;
- (e) is the Minister aware that the majority of students currently attending the Carine TAFE Hospitality Training facility are residents of Wanneroo and Joondalup; and
- (f) when will the Minister make a decision as to the relocation of a Hospitality VE&T facility, in order to ensure security and confidence of students into the future?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The hospitality courses at the Carine Campus will continue to be delivered until a suitable alternative facility is established for the commencement of the 2004 academic year. A Steering Committee has been established to oversee work associated with developing recommendations relating to the establishment of a Hospitality Training Centre north of the Swan River.
- (c) Yes.
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- (e) Student records indicate the majority of students studying hospitality at Carine in 2001 were from the Joondalup (36%), Stirling (29%) and Wanneroo (17%) local government areas.
- (f) After the report of the Steering Committee has been received and considered. I expect to receive the report by the end of this month.