

HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES, ACCREDITATION OF INSTITUTIONS

1050. Hon Barry House to the Minister for Education and Training

- (1) Does Western Australia have guidelines for the accreditation of higher education courses offered by institutions and bodies other than universities?
- (2) Do these guidelines cover the suitability/qualifications of the people owning and operating these institutions or bodies?
- (3) What are the guidelines in relation to (2)?
- (4) Does a criminal conviction preclude a person from owning/operating such an institution or body?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2) Yes
- (3) The applicant or any director or other individual involved must be fit and proper persons. The applicant must provide confidential evidence of financial viability and the application should identify the qualifications and experience of academic staff.
- (4) Not necessarily, it depends on the nature of the convictions.