

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE — DISCRETIONARY FEES

**1146. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I refer to information on South Regional TAFE's website, which advises students that —

In addition to course fees, resource fees are charges for materials that are considered essential to a course or unit of study and which do not form part of the course fee.

- (1) Apart from resource fees, what other discretionary fees are charged for courses offered by South Regional TAFE?
- (2) Did the two former institutes that were merged to form South Regional TAFE—namely, South West Institute of Technology and Great Southern Institute of Technology—charge discretionary fees?
- (3) Were these discretionary fees associated with particular courses or units?
- (4) If yes to (3), which courses or units were they associated with and how much were the fees?
- (5) If no to (3), what was the basis for charging the discretionary fees?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

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

- (1) Currently South Regional TAFE does not charge a discretionary fee that relates to student enrolments.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) No.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) The basis for charging the fee relates to the provision of student identification cards and campus parking.