

STABLEHAND AND TRACK RIDER TRAINING —  
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, NARROGIN

**450. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:**

I refer to the training program for stablehands and track riders at the Western Australian College of Agriculture in Narrogin. How much funding is the government putting into the program and how much funding is Racing and Wagering Western Australia putting into the program?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

As the previous Minister for Education and Training, Hon Barry House would be aware that I am passionate about training. I have been working with Racing and Wagering Western Australia to improve the training effort, firstly, to ensure that we continue to attract people to the racing industry across three codes; and, secondly, to ensure that there are appropriate pathways for people once they have moved into the industry so that they have added incentive to stay in the industry. In that way a person who starts off as a stablehand will not necessarily be a stablehand in 50 years. People need to be able to progress their careers and to have experience and a variety of qualifications. A training program has been specifically designed for stablehands and track riders. I do not know how much the government has put in; I do not have those figures with me. I am happy to take the question on notice and to provide Hon Barry House with the answer. I am happy for that information to be on the public record. There are no secrets about the matter.