

EAST AND WEST PILBARA COLLEGES OF TAFE, AMALGAMATION

1511. Mr Graham to the Minister for Training

I refer to the Report entitled 'A Review of the WA Training Sector' which recommended an amalgamation of the East and West Pilbara Colleges of TAFE and identifies savings of 'between \$1.0 and \$1.5 million' and ask

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- (a) precisely how will those savings be made;
- (b) precisely which positions will be removed in order to achieve the savings;
- (c) at which campus will the reductions be made in order to achieve the savings;
- (d) what happens to those savings for the years -
  - (i) 2001/2002;
  - (ii) 2002/2003;
  - (iii) 2003/2004;
  - (iv) 2004/2005;
  - (v) 2005/2006;
  - (vi) 2006/2007;
  - (vii) 2007/2008;
  - (viii) 2008/2009; and
  - (ix) 2009/2010?
- (e) will the Minister guarantee that there will be no reduction in the services delivered from each campus of the amalgamated college;
- (f) if the answer to (e) is no, why not;
- (g) will the Minister guarantee that all the savings from the amalgamation will be retained in the region;
- (h) if the answer to (f) is no, why not; and
- (i) where will the headquarters of the amalgamated college be located?

Mr KOBELKE replied:

- (a) Savings are expected to be achieved by removing the duplication of corporate overheads related to operating two autonomous colleges, including the maintenance of separate human resource, finance and other corporate systems.
- (b) An Implementation Committee is currently being formed to determine processes for amalgamating the colleges and will include consideration of staffing requirements of the amalgamated college.
- (c) Similarly, this is still to be determined by the Implementation Committee.
- (d) (i)-(ii) Current funding levels will be maintained during 2001/02 and 2002/03.  
(iii)-(ix) It is expected that savings of \$1 million will be achieved in relation to corporate efficiencies in 2003/04 and \$1.5 million for each financial year thereafter.
- (e) There will be no reduction in services delivered from each campus. One of the tasks set for the Implementation Committee will be to compile a College Training Profile for the new Pilbara TAFE, which will outline training delivery throughout the region. It is expected that there will be a greater range of courses and places available to community as a result of synergies between the two existing colleges.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) At this stage, it has not been decided how those savings will be used. However, it is anticipated that there will be a greater range of training delivery resulting from the amalgamation.
- (h) Not applicable.

- (i) The administrative headquarters of the new college will be located in Karratha, however, Pundulmurra Campus will retain its administrative centre due to its speciality focus of providing indigenous vocational education and training.