

EDUCATION — TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT QUALIFICATIONS

4644. Dr A.D. Buti to the Minister representing the Minister for Education:

I refer to the changes from 1 January 2016, whereby a person conducting training and assessment are required to have either a TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or its successor or a diploma level or higher level qualification in adult education and I ask:

- (a) how many current teachers/instructors teaching in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) program in WA's public schools, do not have the above stated qualifications; and
- (b) what quantum of funds, if any, have been allocated to assist current VET teachers obtain either the above qualifications?

**Mr J.H.D. Day replied:**

- (a) All teachers and instructors delivering Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs in Western Australian public schools must meet the national standards for VET delivery (*Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015*).
- (b) An additional \$1.988 million was provided to the Department of Education for the 2014–15 financial year as acknowledgement that additional teacher training would be required to cater for the increase in VET delivery that was expected as part of the changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). This is on top of what schools already allocate from their own funding resources.

This funding was distributed through the 2015 VET Targeted Initiative in the Student-Centred Funding Model (SCFM). Providing funding in this way allows schools to make their own decisions based on their own needs.

As well as the provision of funding for teacher training, the VET allocation to schools included funding for costs associated with supervising workplace and off-site programs; and for auspicing partnerships with Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) for the delivery of VET certificates to their students.