

TAFE — MEDICAL CANNABIS

**53. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I refer to the Federation TAFE in Ballarat, Victoria, which recently announced a partnership to provide Australia's first nationally accredited training course in medicinal cannabis cultivation and production, ensuring that Victoria will have a strong foothold in reaping the benefits of the medicinal cannabis industry.

- (1) Is the minister aware of this training course on the cultivation of medicinal cannabis?
- (2) Are there any plans to hold this course at a Western Australian TAFE?
- (3) If not, does the minister consider this as a training opportunity for Western Australians?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Training and Workforce Development.

- (1) Yes. The training course that is to be offered by Federation TAFE in 2024, AHC33920 certificate III in medicinal cannabis cultivation and production, is on Western Australia's 2024 priority industry qualification list and is eligible for publicly funded training.
- (2)–(3) Information available on the national register of vocational education and training suggests that no training providers in Western Australia or nationally currently have this qualification on scope for training delivery. The decision to offer a training course by a training provider is dependent on the curriculum and teaching capacity and the demonstrated needs of prospective students.