



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Department of Training and Workforce Development

Hon Aaron Stonehouse MLC asked:

- 1) Can the Minister provide information on the changes that occurred as a result of the Capability Review.

Answer:


The Capability Review focused on assessing the capability of the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) to deliver the Western Australian State Government's objectives, and the needs of industry and the community for workforce skilling into the future.

Following the review, a high level statement of essential activities, reflecting stakeholder views, has been developed to manage the Government's investment in the VET sector now and into the future. The statement focusses the Department's activities to four core areas:

1. Identifying future training and workforce needs with key stakeholders;
2. Developing policy, funding and financial frameworks to ensure training meets evolving State needs;
3. Leading and implementing adaptive strategies to address changing training and workforce needs that are also competitive in the international market; and
4. Ensuring the quality, integrity and efficiency of the training sector and frameworks.

The Review concluded that the majority of the Department's functions and activities were necessary to achieve quality training outcomes for the State, although some opportunities for efficiencies were identified largely through the refocus of resources to core activities and improvements realised through ICT system changes.

The Department is in the process of finalising a new Strategic Plan that will reflect Government priorities (including current progress), and align with the future directions outlined as part of the Review.

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Hon Aaron Stonehouse MLC asked:

- 2) Can the Minister provide information relating to the net transfer of \$518,000 under “Statement of Cashflows”, and “Net Increase/(Decrease) In Cash Held” and “Net cash transferred to/from other agencies”

Answer:

The \$518,000 reflects the transfer of funds between the Department of Training and Workforce Development Asset Investment Program (AIP) and the TAFE colleges AIP under the Remedial Works Program (see Budget Paper 2, Page 338 Asset Investment Program), where purchases are required at a local level to meet specific training requirements.

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Hon Donna Faragher MLC asked:

3) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of statistics across each Jobs and Skills Centre.

Answer:

Jobs and Skills Centre statistics for individual clients for the period 1 July 2018 – 31 May 2019.

Jobs and Skills Centre	Individual Clients Serviced	Service Activities	Date Service Commenced
Albany	348	670	15 November 2018
Balga	540	1316	16 April 2018
Broome	385	700	22 November 2018
Bunbury	353	439	22 November 2018
CaLD Specialist	176	558	1 January 2019
Ex-Offenders Specialist	257	296	1 July 2018
Geraldton	603	1073	1 January 2019
Joondalup	866	2205	16 April 2018
Kalgoorlie	286	641	27 August 2018
Karratha	554	1440	29 November 2018
Northam	252	1142	10 December 2018
Northbridge	1406	3067	16 April 2018
Peel	2163	3415	1 August 2018
Rockingham	1218	2324	16 April 2018
Thornlie	2945	6262	16 April 2018
TOTAL	12352	25548	

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Hon Donna Faragher MLC asked:

- 4) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the number of staff and their job title at each Jobs and Skills Centre.


Answer:

JSC Name	Outreach locations	Total Number of FTE per JSC	Breakdown of staff roles by FTE
Broome JSC	*Kununurra Derby Fitzroy Crossing Hall Creek Wyndham As well as outlying areas	9 FTE	Career Development (4 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Administrative Support (3 FTE) JSC Manager (1 FTE)
Karratha JSC	*South Hedland *Newman Roebourne As well as outlying areas	13 FTE	Career Development (10.5 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1.5 FTE) Administrative support (1 FTE)
Geraldton JSC	*Carnarvon Exmouth Wiluna Cervantes As well as outlying areas	9 FTE	Career Development (5 FTE) Aboriginal Support (2 FTE) Administrative Support (2 FTE)
Kalgoorlie JSC	Coolgardie Southern Cross Leonora Norseman Kambalda As well as outlying areas	5 FTE	Career Development (2.4 FTE) Aboriginal Support (2 FTE) Regional Manager (0.6 FTE)
Northam JSC	*Moora *Merredin As well as outlying areas	5.5 FTE	Career Development (3 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Mentor (0.5 FTE) Administrative Support (1 FTE)
Joondalup JSC	Surrounding Districts	4 FTE	Career Development (1 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Manager (1 FTE) Industry Engagement Officer (1 FTE)
Balga JSC	Surrounding Districts	3.6 FTE	Career Development (0.6 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Manager (1 FTE) Industry Engagement Officer (1 FTE)

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Northbridge JSC	Surrounding Districts	4.4 FTE	Career Development (1.4 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Manager (1 FTE) Industry Engagement Officer (1 FTE)
Thornlie JSC	Surrounding Districts	4 FTE	Career Development (1 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Manager (1 FTE) Industry Engagement Officer (1 FTE)
Rockingham JSC	Surrounding Districts	4 FTE	Career Development (1 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Manager (1 FTE) Industry Engagement Officer (1 FTE)
Peel JSC (Mandurah)	Boddington Serpentine Jarrahdale Waroona As well as outlying areas	7 FTE	Career Development (4 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Manager (1 FTE) Industry Engagement Officer (1 FTE)
Bunbury JSC	*Busselton Collie Manjimup Margaret River Narrogin As well as outlying areas	9.7 FTE	Career Development (5.7 FTE) Aboriginal Support (2 FTE) Administrative support (2 FTE)
Albany JSC	*Esperance Mt Barker Denmark Kojonup Katanning As well as outlying areas	9 FTE	Career Development (5 FTE) Aboriginal Support (1 FTE) Regional Manager (1 FTE) Administrative Support (2 FTE)

Notes: * denotes permanent JSC Outreach location

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Hon Donna Faragher MLC asked:

- 5) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the total number of interactions with Aboriginal people in each of the years the Aboriginal Workforce Development Centres were operational in their own right.


Answer:

The Perth Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre (AWDC) was established in March 2010, with regional Centres opening in 2011. In early 2018, AWDCs commenced a transition to Jobs and Skills Centres and, therefore, interactions with Aboriginal people through the AWDCs were recorded to 29 March 2018.

The following is the total number of interactions with Aboriginal people by the AWDCs in each year of operation:

Year	Number of interactions
2010	39
2011	1,591
2012	5,444
2013	6,458
2014	3,280
2015	4,912
2016	8,432
2017	8,387
2018*	2,638
TOTAL	41,181

*To 29 March 2018.

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Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:

- 6) Can the Minister provide information about the status of the Regional Labour Market Reviews and the future program for undertaking the Reviews.

Answer:

The Department of Training and Workforce Development has completed the first full round of Regional Labour Market Reviews for each of the nine regions of Western Australia. The final three labour market reviews for the Wheatbelt, Peel and Kimberley will be presented to the Jobs and Economic Diversification Sub-Committee of Cabinet in August 2019.

The Department of Training and Workforce Development has undertaken an assessment of the Regional Labour Market Review outcomes, approach and methodology. Following this assessment, the Department will continue to undertake regional reviews, in consultation with stakeholders, with a view to undertake six per year on a rotational basis.

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Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:

- 7) Can the Minister provide information about the increase in cost per student curriculum hour mentioned on page 335 under “Explanation of Significant Movements” and the change in student mix.

Answer:

Key factors affecting the cost per student curriculum hour increase between the 2018-19 Budget and the 2018-19 Estimated Actual are:

- An increased proportion of concession holders resulting in a higher average public subsidy than budgeted.
- An increased proportion of regional delivery resulting in higher average training costs.
- A reduction in lower cost existing worker traineeships resulting in the average cost for the ‘Apprenticeships and Traineeships’ category being more heavily weighted toward higher cost apprenticeships.
- A higher estimated actual VET Student Loans scheme impairment cost than the budgeted amount. This directly increases the cost per student curriculum hour for the ‘Diploma and above’ training category. As part of the National Partnership Agreement, Western Australia shares with the Commonwealth Government the ‘impairment’ costs associated with loans to subsidised students in Western Australia. In return, these students are exempt from paying the usual Commonwealth loan administration fee. Impairment costs are made up of debt not expected to be repaid and the interest costs of borrowing as estimated by the Commonwealth Actuary each year.

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Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:

- 8) Can the Minister provide a list of the upcoming works for the asset investment program detailed on page 338, point 3.1.

Answer:

Remedial Works Program (RWP) for State training sector property – includes large staged Campus Score Card (CSC) projects that aim to comprehensively refurbish and upgrade ageing campus facilities

State Training Sector Institutes	Campus Location	RWP Project Title
North Metropolitan TAFE	Balga	Balga CSC Stage 1 - Urgent Reroofing
		Balga CSC Stage 2 - Reroofing and upgrade site services
	Clarkson	Extend outdoor trade training area
	East Perth	Major air-conditioning upgrade
		Major lift upgrade
	Northbridge	Repair 25 Aberdeen St building's Level 3 Roof
		Repair 25 Aberdeen St building's entrance/forecourt
		Across Northbridge campus buildings
	Joondalup - Kendrew campus	Small office refurbishment

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	Joondalup - McLarty campus	Stage 1 - Major Refurbishment - New wellness live works space - beauty and massage
		Stage 2 - Major Refurbishment - New health training space for aged care and NDIS
	Leederville	Lift upgrade
	Midland	Midland CSC Stage 1 - Urgent Mechanical Upgrades and Classroom refurbishment
		Midland CSC Stage 2 - Reroofing and upgrade site services
		METRONET Trade Training Centre
Mt Lawley	Mt Lawley Stage 3 - Conversion of library into nurse training wards	
South Metropolitan TAFE	Bentley	Bentley CSC Stage 2 - D Block Kitchen Refurbishment
		Bentley CSC Stage 3 - Roofs and site services upgrades
	Carlisle	Carlisle CSC Stage 1 - Urgent air-conditioning upgrade
		Carlisle CSC Stage 2 - Roofs, site services and universal access upgrades
		Carlisle CSC Stage 3 - Upgrade student amenities
	Fremantle	Major upgrade of workshops at Fleet St, Victoria Quay
Murdoch	Repurpose B and H Blocks	
Naval Base	Industry standard trade workshops for shipbuilding and defence industries	
Peel	Lift upgrade	
Thornlie	Thornlie CSC Stage 1 - Essential upgrades	

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North Regional TAFE	Karratha	Karratha CSC Stage 2 - Roofing and upgrade holding yard
		Karratha CSC Stage 3 - Upgraded student amenities
	Pundulmurra, South Hedland	Flexible learning hub
	Pundulmurra Trade Annex, South Hedland	Essential air-conditioning system upgrade
	Tom Price	Administration Building Asbestos Removal
	Across campuses	Major air-conditioning upgrades
Central Regional TAFE	Geraldton	Refurbished X Block - new campus front door
		Geraldton CSC Stage 1 - Essential upgrades
	Kalgoorlie	Kalgoorlie CSC Stage 1 - Essential upgrades
		Kalgoorlie CSC Stage 2 - Air-conditioning
South Regional TAFE	Bunbury	Bunbury CSC Stage 1 - Essential upgrades
		Bunbury CSC Stage 2 - Refurbished Student Services Centre
		Bunbury CSC Stage 3 -
	Collie	Major upgrade of training centre
Muresk Institute	Muresk, Northam	Student shelters for livestock training and essential upgrades
		Shearing shed upgrade

Note: Dates are indicatives and subject to change as priorities and pressures on the Remedial Works Program emerge.

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Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:

9) Can the Minister provide enrolment figures for each TAFE college for December 2018.

Answer:

Publicly funded course enrolments for each TAFE college for the year ending 31 December 2018 were as follows:

North Metropolitan TAFE	31,030
South Metropolitan TAFE	31,058
North Regional TAFE	10,036
Central Regional TAFE	9,343
South Regional TAFE	12,227

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Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:

- 10) Can the Minister provide information on the total cost of service detailed on page 335, "Recruitment and Management of International Students" and the fees that have been paid to agents.

Answer:

The total cost of services for the 2019-20 Budget Target is made up of the following:

Employee Benefits	\$3.9 million
Supplies and Services	\$3.4 million
Agents Fees	\$1.7 million
Grants to TAFE Colleges for VET	\$14.4 million
Grants to Schools	\$6.2 million
Grants for English Language Intensive Course for Overseas Students (ELICOS)	\$0.7 million
Total	\$30.3 million

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Hon Alison Xamon MLC asked:

- 11) Can the Minister provide information on the total cost to design, test, implement and provide change managed for the ICT system detailed on page 334, “Apprenticeship and Traineeship Administration and Regulation” and “Net Cost of Service”.

Answer:

The total costs associated with implementing the new ICT system to manage Apprenticeship and Traineeship administration and regulation are \$3.008 million

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