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### **SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION**

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## SKILLS AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

### Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the NSW Labor Opposition)

#### TAFE

1. How many full time or part time permanent teachers are employed in TAFE Digital?
  - (a) How many IT support staff are employed in TAFE Digital?
  - (b) How many employees work in TAFE Digital on a casual basis?
    - i. Are on a temporary contract in TAFE Digital?
  - (c) Are online enrolments counted in the total overall enrolments for the year in the TAFE Annual Report?
  - (d) Are online enrolments allocated to a campus enrolment database based on location?
  - (e) How many students completed their online course in the Jun18/Jun 19 period?
  - (f) How many have discontinued their course before completion in the Jun18/Jun19?
2. Please provide a list of ICT and Student Services jobs that have been cut to date, that were performed by people living regionally.
3. Some ICT functions cannot be performed remotely. An example is hardware faults such as aging fleet, USB port malfunction, data projector maintenance, computer relocations including cabling and testing and printer issues. Are there specific roles within TAFE NSW for this area of ICT?
  - (a) How many staff members are employed in the area of hardware faults repair in ICT?
4. What is the proportion of TAFE employees that is on casual arrangements?
5. In consultation with whom, were the terms of reference developed for the Gonski/Shergold Review into TAFE?
  - (a) The Terms of Reference alludes to a drop in VET participation from the years 2001-2017. Can you provide the specific figure form 2011-2017 please? Broken down in school and TAFE VET decline.
6. Is there a plan to reduce the cost of running TAFE to the government?
7. Has there been any investigation into further reducing tuition costs for all courses in TAFE
8. Are there plans to increase the number of courses being run through non -TAFE providers?

9. Has there been any modelling on the impact of removing subsidised or fee-free course from TAFE NSW?
10. How many reviews have been conducted into TAFE since 2015?
  - (a) list the current reviews being undertaken ( and cost of each review)
  - (b) Have internal reviews been conducted?
11. Please provide a list of reviews conducted by Department of Premier and Cabinet on TAFE or VET.
12. Have any of the reviews conducted suggest a reduction in the delivery of TAFE services, courses and staff?
13. Is there a plan to further reduce the level of staff in TAFE NSW?
14. Where there is a CLCs that has opened in a township where a TAFE campus exists, will the original TAFE have its courses reduced or capacity diminished?
15. How much of the \$1.85 billion in funding for TAFE comes from the State and Commonwealth respectively?
  - (a) How much is going to private providers?
  - (b) How much of the budget has been spent on Private Providers to date?
  - (c) How much is going to TAFE?
  - (d) How much has been spent on TAFE to date?
16. Since 2015, how many students enrolled by percentage, I Certificate IV and above courses, have completed their studies in full?
17. What is the total number of discontinuations recorded for Certificate IV and above qualifications the Jun 18/19 period?
18. Please provide a list of courses offered at Connected Learning Centres in :
  - (a) Mining
  - (b) Renewable Energy
  - (c) Advanced Manufacturing
  - (d) Robotics
  - (e) 3-D Printing

- (f) Agriculture
  - (g) Building and Construction
  - (h) Carpentry
  - (i) Plumbing
19. Please provide costs of individual land purchases of the Connected Learning Centres.
  20. Have there been any preliminary or advanced investigations into a partial or full sale or closure of Scone TAFE?
  21. Have there been any preliminary or advanced investigations into a partial or full sale or closure of Bega TAFE?
  22. Have there been any preliminary or advanced investigations into a partial or full sale or closure of Murwillumbah TAFE?
  23. Please provide a list of all TAFE campuses closed or sold since 2011.
  24. Please provide breakdown of the numbers of apprentices by skill in NSW currently in
    - (a) 1<sup>st</sup> year of apprenticeship?
    - (b) 2<sup>nd</sup> year of apprenticeship?
    - (c) 3<sup>rd</sup> year of apprenticeship?
    - (d) 4<sup>th</sup> year of apprenticeship?
  25. Please provide the same information specific to apprentices undertaking studies through TAFE NSW.
  26. How much money was spent on maintenance of TAFE NSW campuses in the last financial year?
    - (a) Is there a current maintenance backlog?
    - (b) What is the cost of clearing the backlog?
  27. Has the Department conducted any research on the cost to schools of delivering VET qualifications and, in particular, any financial disincentives for schools to support students to undertake a VET qualification?
    - (a) What are the disincentives and how are they being addressed?
  28. How many people are employed by TAFE to work particularly with schools to make the pathway from school to TAFE easier?

29. What is the base number of student enrolments needed in order for a course to run in the Regions?
  - (a) What about metropolitan TAFEs?
30. Have any courses been cut at Wollongong TAFE this year?
31. Which courses are not running due to insufficient enrolments at Wollongong TAFE?
32. Please provide a list of TAFE campuses that have been closed but not yet divested.
33. Please provide a list of TAFE properties divested?
34. How many permanent Head Teacher positions have been removed from TAFE NSW since 2012?
35. How many current Head Teacher positions are there in TAFE NSW?
36. How many additional Head Teacher positions do you anticipate will be created in TAFE NSW in 2020?
37. Please provide a list of Skills Points in New South Wales by responsibility for specific curriculum development and support.
38. How many staff are in each Skills Point location? How many of these specifically work on content development?
39. Please provide a list of any Skills Point where team members do not have formal qualifications in the specific subject area of that particular Skills Point.
40. Have any courses been made redundant or delayed in TAFE NSW as a result of Skills Points not developing curriculum material in time? If so, please provide a list of said courses.
41. Please indicate the categories of information you seek as part of any Campus Profile and subsequent workshop.
42. Please indicate the TAFE campuses that have already participated in a Campus Profile Workshop.
43. Please indicate the TAFE campuses participating in a Campus Profile Workshop this semester, next semester
44. What is the process after Campus Profile Workshops have occurred, to make recommendations regarding policy direction?

45. How many fewer students are enrolled in respective Central Coast and Hunter TAFE campuses in 2020 compared to the 2019 year?
46. How many students are enrolled in Belmont TAFE compared to the projected figures for the year 2020?
47. How many non-teaching administrative and I.T. staff are located in Belmont TAFE in 2020?
  - (a) Is this an increase/decrease on 2019? By how many?
48. How many students are enrolled in Gosford TAFE compared to the projected figures for the year 2020?

### **All Roles Flex**

49. Minister, the Premier announced on International Women's Day that the public service would all have access to flexible working arrangements by 2019.
  - (a) What numbers of staff within your Department currently have access to a flexible role?
  - (b) Do you centrally register staff, who have flexible working arrangements?
  - (c) What measures are currently in place to implement this?

### **TAFE NSW Assets**

50. What is the current status of land for the following sites, has it been sold and what was the date of the sale?
  - (a) Glendale
  - (b) Belmont
  - (c) Muswellbrook
  - (d) Scone
  - (e) Goulburn
  - (f) Dapto
  - (g) Queanbeyan
  - (h) Wollongong West
  - (i) Vincentia
  - (j) Great Lakes
  - (k) Maclean

- (l) Murrwillumbah
- (m) Taree
- (n) Trenayar
- (o) Ballina
- (p) Belmore
- (q) Belmore
- (r) Epping
- (s) Albury
- (t) Narrandera
- (u) Corowa
- (v) Chullora
- (w) Granville
- (x) Enmore
- (y) Ultimo

51. How many campuses of the following institute have had a campus partially or fully sold and what was the date of those land sales?

- (a) Hunter
- (b) Illawarra
- (c) North Coast
- (d) Riverina
- (e) South West Sydney
- (f) Sydney
- (g) Western

52. How many TAFE Campuses in NSW have current leasing arrangements? Please provide a full list.

### **TAFE Campuses**

53. How many TAFE campuses are there in NSW? Please list every TAFE Campus in NSW.

- (a) How many connected learning centres are currently operational in NSW?
- (b) How many TAFE access points are there in NSW? Please provide a full list.
- (c) How many TAFE SkillsPoints are operational in NSW? Please provide a full list.
- (d) What is the role of a TAFE SkillsPoint?

### **TAFE Courses**

54. How many students were enrolled in TAFE digital in;
- (a) 2020
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2018
  - (d) 2017
55. How many students were enrolled in TAFE courses at campus in;
- (a) 2020
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2018
  - (d) 2017
56. How many students were enrolled at connected learning centres in;
- (a) 2020
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2018
  - (d) 2017
57. How many students access connected learning centres in;
- (a) 2020
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2018
  - (d) 2017
58. When will the following CLC locations open?
- (a) Batemans Bay



- (b) Byron Bay
- (c) Cobar
- (d) Hay
- (e) Jindabyne
- (f) Nambucca heads
- (g) Tomaree
- (h) West Wyalong

**TAFE Fees**

59. How many students do you project will be enrolled in fee-free traineeships in;
- (a) Semester 2,2020
  - (b) Semester 1, 2021
  - (c) Semester 2, 2021
  - (d) Semester 1,2022
  - (e) Semester 2, 2022
  - (f) Semester 1, 2023
  - (g) Semester 2, 2023
60. How many students do you project will be enrolled in fee-free VET courses in;
- (a) Semester 2,2020
  - (b) Semester 1, 2021
  - (c) Semester 2, 2021
  - (d) Semester 1,2022
  - (e) Semester 2, 2022
  - (f) Semester 1, 2023
  - (g) Semester 2, 2023
61. How many students do you project will be enrolled in fee-free apprenticeship courses in;
- Semester 2,2020**
- (a) Semester 1, 2021

- (b) Semester 2, 2021
  - (c) Semester 1, 2022
  - (d) Semester 2, 2022
  - (e) Semester 1, 2023
  - (f) Semester 2, 2023
62. How many students applied for the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders fee exemptions in;
- (a) 2018
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2020
63. How many students were approved for the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders fee exemption;
- (a) 2018
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2020
64. How many students applied for the Students with a disability fee exemption in;
- (a) 2018
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2020
65. How many students were approved for the Students with a disability fee exemption in;
- (a) 2018
  - (b) 2019
  - (c) 2020

## SKILLS

### Questions from Mr Shoebridge MLC

#### Loans for TAFE

66. Who flagged the proposed HECS style loans for TAFE?
67. Have you done any modelling on the impact of these loans on lifetime debt of working people, particularly apprentices?

#### TAFE loans

68. What was the total number of NSW TAFE student Loans in the following years
  - (a) 2012?
  - (b) 2013?
  - (c) 2014?
  - (d) 2015?
  - (e) 2016?
  - (f) 2017?
  - (g) 2018?
  - (h) 2019?

## TERTIARY EDUCATION

### Questions from Mr Shoebridge MLC

#### Casualisation

69. Last hearing you committed to have accurate data about unsecure employment at the tertiary sector: where is that data and when will be published or where has been published?