

Response to question taken on notice

Question Time
Tuesday, 26 May 2026

MR THOMAS EMERSON MLA: To ask the Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations

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Canberra Institute of Technology—executive salaries

Question 2

MR EMERSON: Minister, are you aware that earlier this month some 40 CIT executives were flown to the TAFE Directors Australia Convention in Brisbane? And does the government consider that to be an appropriate use of taxpayer money?

MR PETTERSSON: I thank Mr Emerson for the question. I was not aware of that conference and I did not receive an invitation.

Mr Parton: A mad invite, hey?

MR PETTERSSON: It sounds like a heck of a party, Mr Parton. Day-to-day operational decisions for the CIT are the responsibility of the CIT board, as well as the CEO. I am happy to take on notice further information and potential justification for expenditure of that nature on behalf of the member.

MICHAEL PETTERSSON MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

CIT have advised that 7 Executive Staff and 32 other staff who attended the 2026 TAFE Directors Association convention.

Under CIT's Travel Procedures, Ministerial approval or notification is not required for domestic travel. This reflects arrangements in place across the ACT Public Service.

I am advised this travel was supported by the CIT CEO on the basis that it is essential for professional development to maintain sector-wide networks and discussions across TAFE.

I have sought further information from the CIT Board Chair with respect to the nature and scope of CIT's engagement at this particular conference.

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Michael Pettersson MLA

Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations

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