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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked By: Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Skills and Training

Reference: CIT

Hearing Date: 26/07/2024

In relation to: CMTEDD - Economic Development and Career development practitioners

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Answer Due date: 07/08/24

Canberra Institute of Technology does not employ any full-time and professionally qualified career development practitioners as part of the teaching and student services team for its 10,000+ students.

- What is CIT doing to address career development of its students?
- What more can be done to ensure that students do receive professional career advice, ensuring that young people are not left behind?
- Will there be a role for career development practitioners in the Woden Youth Foyer?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

CIT, an independent body with a governing board, advises that they currently employ a full-time qualified careers advisor. In addition, three staff are working towards a Certificate IV in Career Development and another staff member is about to commence the Graduate Certificate in Career Development Practice.

CIT provides free careers advice to current and prospective students, either in person, by phone, via email and online. CIT also holds taster events and open days, showcasing study and employment options, and participates in careers expos, for school students, school leavers and veterans.


In addition, CIT employs a range of strategies to link students to prospective employers, including through work placements and industry events.

In addition to direct support, and information available on the website, CIT refers students to appropriate online tools and platforms to assist with pathways planning, for example, the Skillsroad Career Quiz.

Career development for students within the Youth Foyer will initially be provided by the youth coaches working within the youth foyer. Through a combination of one-on-one coaching and group activities, the youth coaches will support young people to engage and develop in areas of education, employment, health and wellbeing, social connections, civic participation and housing and living skills.

CSD is also working with CIT to deliver a Certificate 1 in Developing Independence for foyer students. The Certificate 1 is delivered in the first 6 months of a residents stay and supports students to map out their engagement and pathway in relation to each of the six 'service offers' (education, employment, health and wellbeing, social connections, civic participation, and housing and living skills). The certificate provides a solid platform from which young people independently begin to navigate their own career and personal development journeys and requires the student to develop a career plan. It is expected that the certificate will be co-delivered by a CIT educator and the youth coaches within the foyer.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Skills and Training, Chris Steel MLA