Inquiry into referred 2017–18 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
6 November 2018

Asked by MR PETTERSSON MLA:
In relation to:

THE CHAIR: And looking into the annual report, it appears that you have added ‘barbering as a program?

Ms Cover: Sorry, can you just repeat that?

THE CHAIR: The addition of barbering and asbestos—

Ms Cover: Barbering, sorry. Yes, sorry. Yes. Sorry, we have. So look, this has been in response to a growing number of salons that have opened up in Canberra in the region. There seems to be a greater interest in male haircuts and particularly styled male haircuts as opposed to just—

Ms Fitzharris: More hipsters.

Ms Cover: So that is in response to—I guess one of the roles that we see the institute playing is constantly trying to lift the quality of the skilled workers that are servicing the ACT and region, so obviously haircuts, whether it is for men or for females, is important; we all hold our haircuts as an important part of what we do, so barbering has opened up at CIT and it has been very popular.

We have been working with the industry to provide training for people who are wanting to enter the industry, but we are also working with the barbering workers to give them recognition of prior learning; perhaps they have been in the industry for a while, but they have not got those formal qualifications so a recognition of prior learning process allows us to go in, work shoulder to shoulder with those barbers and give them credit and qualifications.

THE CHAIR: You say it has been popular. Can you quantify how popular?

Ms Cover: I can certainly take that on notice for you.

MINISTER FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:—

From the commencement of the Certificate III in Barbering in 2017 to 5 November 2018 CIT has had 81 individual students commence the qualification.
Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs

Signature: [Signature]
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By the Minister for Vocational Education and Skills, Meegan Fitzharris MLA