



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA on 7 November 2022: Christine Robertson took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: CIT Recycling Courses

MS LAWDER: And do you do any courses relating to—I know this is a very broad question—but about recycling, perhaps reusing materials that kind of thing. Is there any course in that sort of area?

Ms Robertson: I cannot give you specifics on that at the moment. I could take the question on notice to provide you with some more details but also just to recognise that within all of our trades qualifications, the qualification suite has been updated recently and there will be scope within those qualifications to ensure that we work within sustainable—work sustainably across the various trades that we deliver but if you are looking for specific information, I would have to take that question on notice.

Mr Steel: It is something that has been identified in the government's draft Circular Economy Strategy and is an area of skills that has been identified as an area where we need to have discussions with industry about what their needs are, and that would include whether there are courses that are currently meeting their needs or whether further course development is required.

Some of the particular sort of remanufacturing skills, if we are going to do more of that sort of higher value work in the ACT may require skills in manufacturing, and there are skill sets for that and qualifications that may be applicable, but we will need to work through that depending on exactly what they are doing with the resource.

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

I am advised by CIT that recycling and reuse of materials is embedded in subject delivery across all areas at CIT, including training on the reuse of materials in fields ranging from metalwork through to fashion design. CIT also endeavours to ensure that materials generated through training are not wasted - for example, food produced by culinary students is made available for sale to the general public, with remainders being donated to charity, and green waste from horticulture delivery is composted.

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By the Minister for Skills, Chris Steel MLA