



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

---

Record of Proceedings, 9 August 2017

## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Gold Coast, TAFE**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (2.34 pm): Last week I had the opportunity to experience a number of the ways that TAFE Queensland is leading the way in providing opportunity and training to Queenslanders as part of governing from the Gold Coast. On Monday I was pleased to speak at the ceremony marking the commencement of a Higher Level Skills apprenticeship pilot at the Gold Coast Hospital, where TAFE is the training provider and delivering new and innovative ways to look at apprenticeships amongst 60 non-clinical staff.

On Tuesday I visited the students of the Queensland Hotel and Hospitality School. This school was established by TAFE Queensland in conjunction with the hospitality and hotel industry to provide the industry with a pipeline of workers for the five- and six-star projects that are coming online. These students are going to be the backbone of this sector in the future, and again it is TAFE Queensland that is delivering this training along with the real-world experiences of working in the industry. We will have five- and six-star hospitality students for the tourism boom now and into the future.

As we are all well aware, the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games will be held next year, and on Wednesday I met with staff at the volunteer selection centre. TAFE Queensland is the training partner in the mammoth task of training 15,000 volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the world not only how great the event will be but how well TAFE Queensland can deliver on these opportunities. I have to say that seeing those people lining up, getting their lanyards and waiting to go through the process and be interviewed to see if they can finally be selected as volunteers for what will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience was so exciting. I had the opportunity to talk to them and tell them that I worked at Expo 88, and it is one of those things that you remember forever. I will not say how old I was.

**Government members** interjected.

**Mrs D'ATH:** It was actually the festhouse. Finally, on Friday I was fortunate to attend the open day at Ashmore TAFE and I even had a go at some of the trades. It was an open day for school students to come to try various trades across so many different fields to see which pathway they may take. Events like this are a great way for TAFE Queensland to show what it can offer and allow prospective students to get a taste of the TAFE Queensland experience. I want to thank the staff of TAFE Queensland Gold Coast for showing me a wide range of activities and how they are working with industry to provide not just training but career paths for Queenslanders.