

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 145**  
**Asked Thursday, 22 April 2004**

Mr Finn asked the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (**Mr Barton**):

QUESTION:

Will he outline progress on the relocation of foundry activities from the Yeronga Institute of TAFE?

ANSWER:

As a consequence to a Planning and Environment Court Order Yeronga Institute ceased offering foundry programs at its Yeronga campus in 2002. Associated machinery was decommissioned in January 2003 and the Institute surrendered its Integrated Authority to operate a foundry at the Yeronga campus in February 2003.

Following negotiations with Queensland Railways (QR) the institute commenced offering foundry programs at the QR facility at Redbank in May 2003. Pending the completion of the relocation of all relative equipment from Yeronga to Redbank the students are utilising QR equipment to ensure there is no disruption to their training.

This shared arrangement which is to be formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding will see students benefit through the utilisation of a specialised foundry facility in a working environment.

The institute is currently reviewing its apprenticeship training program with a view to providing more efficient and effective training programs. The institute participates in Foundry Industry Forums and has provided for comment a copy of the proposed revised training program to the Foundry Industry Reference Group.