

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 508**  
**Asked Wednesday 20 April 2005**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the innovate flexible apprenticeship training being undertaken at Logan Institute of TAFE in conjunction with Boystown:

1. How will this program differ from present apprenticeship training?
2. How many unemployed people will be involved?

ANSWER:

The Greater Logan Manufacturing Jobs Strategy will provide 100 long-term unemployed people in Logan with an opportunity to gain skills and qualifications for employment in the manufacturing sector. The program has been developed in partnership with industry and community groups to address skills shortages in Logan's rapidly developing industrial estates.

The program differs from present apprenticeship training in four main areas:

1. The client group – The strategy is designed for long term unemployed people aged 19 to 29 years who are clients of job network agencies and would traditionally find it very difficult to gain an apprenticeship.
2. The collaborative approach - The program represents a partnership between Boystown, the Department of Employment and Training, the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, job network agencies, the Logan Institute of TAFE and the Logan manufacturing industry. This collaboration will enable the provision of additional support to clients.
3. Recognition of Prior Learning – With an older client group than traditional apprenticeships there is a greater likelihood that participants will have experience that can be credited through RPL processes.
4. Faster training completion - Through a combination of support, training and work placement, some clients will be able to complete a major component of their training program in one year and move directly into the third year of an apprenticeship or into employment.