

Question on Notice
No. 702
Asked Thursday, 12 May 2005

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's Industry Training Partnership Scheme-

1. What industries are being focused on in the initial stage?
2. Which of these industries have particular relevance to Brisbane Southside?

ANSWER:

1. The Industry Training Partnerships Pilot Program is a 3 year SmartVET initiative targeting skills shortages in the following industry sectors during the life of the program: Aviation; Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals; Creative Industries; Environmental; Food Processing; Forestry and Timber; Information, Communication and Technology; Manufacturing and Engineering; Marine; Rural; Seafood; Sport and Recreation; Small Business and the Tourism industry sector.
2. While Industry Training Partnerships is targeting skill shortages across the state, specific industries on Brisbane's Southside that could benefit from this initiative include:-
 - Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals – The Southbank Institute of TAFE has been funded to provide 40 employees from the pharmaceutical industry with training for Certificates II and III in Pharmaceuticals Manufacture.
 - Food Processing – The Southbank Institute of TAFE has been further funded to provide 100 employees from the food processing industry with training for a Certificate III in Food Processing.
 - Small Business and Manufacturing - up to 45 lower-skilled and unqualified workers will undertake training relevant to their jobs and gain a Certificate IV in Business (Small Business Management) or a Certificate II in Clothing Production through the Moreton Institute of TAFE
 - Sport and Recreation – The Queensland Academy of Fitness at Buranda will upskill 35 employees from sport and recreation industries, who will qualify for a Certificate III in Fitness or a Certificate IV in Fitness.