

**Question on Notice
No. 730
Asked Thursday, 12 May 2005**

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

QUESTION:

1. What courses are available at the Thursday Island and Bamaga TAFE Colleges?
2. Will he explain why it is necessary for some people to travel to Cairns for training?

ANSWER:

1. Courses offered in 2004/2005 at Thursday Island and Bamaga TAFE Colleges include:
 - Diploma in Justice
 - Certificate II/III/IV in Business Administration
 - Certificate IV in Business Governance
 - Certificate I in ATSI Vocational & Education Access
 - Certificate III in Disability Service
 - Certificate II/III/IV/Diploma in Children's Services
 - Certificate IV in Workplace Trainer & Assessor
 - Certificate II in Maritime Operations (Coxswain)
 - Certificate IV in ATSI Visual Art
 - Certificate II in Construction (blocklaying)
 - Certificate II in Construction (carpentry)
 - Certificate IV in Small Business Management
 - Certificate I in Engineering
 - Certificate I in Hospitality
 - Certificate I in Transport & Distribution (Coxswain)
 - Certificate I in Furnishing
 - Certificate I in Information & Communication Technology.
2. Why is it necessary for some students to travel to Cairns for training?

There are several reasons why students travel to Cairns for training. In some cases it is not feasible for courses to be conducted at Thursday Island or Bamaga due to limited local demand for the course, limited infrastructure and limited availability of qualified staff. In other circumstances, students need to travel to Cairns to access specialised equipment related to particular competencies and for greater exposure to industry. Additionally, some students undertake training in Cairns due to a lack of suitable accommodation at Thursday Island or Bamaga.