

Question on Notice

No. 1483

Asked on 29 November 2006

Mr Choi asked the Minister for Education and Training and Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford)—

QUESTION:

What is the time line for the establishment of a Skilling Solution Centre in the electorate of Capalaba?

ANSWER:

As outlined in Action 22 of the \$1 billion *Queensland Skills Plan*, the Skilling Solutions Queensland service will be expanded to a further 10 locations across the State in 2006-07.

Skilling Solutions Queensland is an innovative, face-to-face service that provides Queenslanders with information about training and career options available in their area.

The expansion of the service to a further 10 locations will offer more Queenslanders access to information on jobs that better match their skills and experience, which is a key strategy in combating skills shortages across the State.

Customer service centres will be opened at Capalaba, Bundaberg, Caboolture, Cairns, Chermside, Gladstone, Hervey Bay, Ipswich, Southport and Toowoomba. These centres will join existing centres that operate in Townsville, Mackay, Logan Hyperdome, Loganlea, Woodridge, South Brisbane and Rockhampton.

The first new site opened on 18 December 2006 at Hervey Bay, with the remaining centres set to open in the first half of 2007.

In regards to the establishment of a Skilling Solutions Queensland customer service centre in Capalaba, a lease has been secured at the local Capalaba Park Shopping Centre and it is expected that this centre will be ready for opening in April 2007.