

Question on Notice
No. 421
Tuesday, 28 March 2006

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's recent announcement entitled: "Billion Dollar Skills Development Blueprint for Queensland", released in conjunction with the Queensland Skills Plan—

- (1) Of the additional \$542m in new recurrent funding to be provided over the next four years to the vocational education and training sector, how much will be provided from sources such as State contributions, Commonwealth grants and user charges?
- (2) Of the additional \$542m in new recurrent funding, how much of this amount will become available through the cessation or scaling back of existing programs?
- (3) Of the additional \$542m in new recurrent funding, how much will be allocated to each of the 24 actions identified in the Skills Plan?

ANSWER:

- (1) The \$542 million in funding is made up of:

- \$372 million new State funding
- \$170 million revenue/user charges – with growth in user charges for higher level qualifications in well established fee-for-service markets, growth in training activities subject to regulated fees (including apprenticeships) and industry contributions towards establishment of Centres of Excellence (which may be cash or in kind contributions)
- There is no Commonwealth grant component included in this estimate.

- (2) None of this amount (\$542 million) will become available through the cessation or scaling back of existing programs.

- (3) Detailed allocation against individual actions of the additional funding and revenue is dependent on internal budget allocation processes. Budget formulation processes for 2006-07, including detailed estimates of revenue and savings are not yet finalised. The new State recurrent funding of \$372 million over four years may be very broadly allocated against the four elements of the package:

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| • a training system that works for Queensland | \$ 30 million |
| • training that works for industry and employers | \$ 23 million |
| • training that works for the trades | \$156 million |
| • training that works for individuals | \$163 million. |