

Question on Notice

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Asked on 19 April 2007

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

QUESTION:

- (1) Which courses will be transferred from the Logan Campus of the Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE to the new Skills Tech facility?
- (2) When might this transfer be completed?

ANSWER:

A key theme of our Government's \$1.023b Queensland Skills Plan is a training system that works for Queensland, based on significant reforms to the publicly funded vocational education and training system including reorganising TAFE training delivery in the metropolitan area to increase collaboration, efficiency and outcomes for students.

As a result, the former Logan, Yeronga and Moreton institutes have been amalgamated to form the Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE and the establishment of SkillsTech Australia, a statewide institute to lead and manage the delivery of trade skills in key trade shortage areas of building and construction, automotive, manufacturing and engineering and electrical and electronics studies.

There will be a progressive shift of training from Logan campus, over a three year timeframe, as state-of-the-art facilities come on stream at the SkillsTech Australia campuses at Acacia Ridge and Eagle Farm.

Training that will be transitioned from Logan will include building and construction, manufacturing and engineering, and electrical.

It is anticipated that the SkillsTech Australia infrastructure development will be completed by January 2010.

Pre-vocational training and some initial elements of trade apprenticeships will continue to be offered from local sites where appropriate.

This restructure and reorganisation will better meet the current and future needs of industry, employers, workers and students.

The changes do not mean a reduction of training output from the Logan TAFE. The Metropolitan South Institute will enhance the capacity for the Logan campus to offer higher level qualifications and delivery of key programs including nursing (pre-enrolment), aged care, hospitality and literacy and numeracy.

Other delivery areas under the Metropolitan South Institute's broader focus on specialised training include small business, fashion, health and aged care and general education and service industries including hairdressing and hospitality.