

## Question on Notice

No. 1024

Asked on Friday, 6 June 2008

**MR HOOLIHAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL)—

### QUESTION:

Having regard to the 'Skilling Queenslanders for Work' program will he detail the

- (a) overall number of Queenslanders assisted since the commencement of the program,
- (b) number of graduates in Central Queensland (Rockhampton/Capricorn Coast) during 2007-08 and
- (c) number of projected training places in Central Queensland (Rockhampton/Capricorn Coast) for 2008-09?

### ANSWER:

Under the *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* initiative, the Queensland Government is continuing to help disadvantaged jobseekers to enter or return to the paid workforce.

- (a) Since the initiative commenced on 1 July 2007, *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* has assisted 12,093 disadvantaged job seekers through a range of customised assistance including paid work placements, job preparation training, accredited vocational education and training and post-participation support for up to six months. In addition, incentives are also available for the employment of apprentices and trainees including school-based positions.
- (b) There are 10 *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* projects being funded in 2007-08 in the Rockhampton/Capricorn Coast area. As at 31 March 2008, these projects; have assisted 296 people, with positive outcomes set to continue as these projects progress.
- (c) Under *Skilling Queenslanders for Work*, for 2008-09, a total of \$797,000 is forecast for a total of 52,700 accredited training hours (Annual Hours Curriculum) to be delivered in the Rockhampton/Capricorn Coast area.