

Question on Notice

No. 1461

Asked on 9 October 2008

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

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QUESTION: Will he advise what Award programs the State has implemented to acknowledge the trainers and trainees in Queensland?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Capalaba for his question regarding Award programs the State has implemented to acknowledge trainers and trainees in Queensland.

Now in their 48th year, the Queensland Training Awards are managed and delivered by the Department of Education, Training and the Arts.

These annual awards are the state's highest honour in the vocational education and training sector and showcase and highlight the significant contribution made by Queensland's vocational education and training sector to the wider Queensland community and economy.

The awards are held at regional level - in Brisbane North, Central Queensland, Brisbane South and Gold Coast, North Queensland, South West Queensland and Wide Bay Sunshine Coast - with winners competing for a State title.

As Minister responsible for education and training I had the honour of announcing the state winners in the 2008 Queensland Training Awards in Brisbane on 11 September this year.

The State winners are then eligible to nominate for national honours at the Australian Training Awards.

The Queensland Training Awards honour individuals and organisations who have achieved excellence in the vocation education and training sector.

The Bligh Government is delivering world class education and training and these awards recognise the best in their fields.

As part of our Toward Q2 vision the Bligh Government's 2020 target is to have three out of four Queenslanders holding trade, training or tertiary qualifications.

In 2008 the Queensland Training Awards received almost 500 nominations across 11 award categories.