

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1467**

**Asked on 9 October 2008**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Morningside campus of the Southbank Institute of Technology—

- (1) How many students will be affected by the cuts to the Queensland School of Printing and Graphic Arts?
- (2) What were the enrolment figures for the last three years in the Queensland School of Printing and Graphic Arts courses in Certificate II?
- (3) Why has the decision been made to cut the technology available to students in a technology- intensive industry?
- (4) What impact will the cuts to specialized equipment have on an industry already suffering skill shortages?

**ANSWER:**

Enrolments at the Queensland School of Printing and Graphic Arts have declined from 80 students in 2007 to 54 (as at 25 Sept) in 2008. A staffing review has been undertaken due to declining student numbers in order to ensure the most efficient use of teaching resources, while ensuring all delivery requirements are being met. There will be no impact on any students attending or accessing programs at the School of Printing and Graphic Arts.

Southbank Institute of Technology is committed to working with industry to ensure teachers and students will be exposed to modern technology and equipment within the printing industry. No decision to cut technology currently available to students at the school has been made.

A skills formation strategy is being developed by Southbank Institute of Technology in collaboration with relevant industry stakeholders such as the Creative Industries Skills Council and the Printing Industries Association of Australia. This strategy will greatly assist in ensuring the industry has appropriately trained and qualified personnel for the printing industry.