Question on Notice

No. 338

Asked Wednesday, 12 March 2008

MR PURCELL asked the Minister for Education and Training and the Minister for the Arts (Mr Welford):

QUESTION:

As the introduction by the Minister of a training regime for sprinkler fitters in Queensland, after consultation with the union and industry, has been a great success-

(1) How many are in training for this year?
(2) What is the expected intake for 2009 and 2010?

ANSWER:

My Department has worked closely with the National Fire Industry Association Queensland, the Communications, Electrical and Plumbers Union, and Joint Industry Training Services Pty Ltd (the registered training organisation) to assist in the establishment of the Fire Skills Training Centre.

Since its commencement in July 2007, the Fire Skills training Centre has more than doubled its apprenticeship intake with 89 Sprinkler Pipe Fitters currently in training and 35 to 40 new enrolments expected each year in 2009 and 2010.

The key to the success of this initiative is that it is an industry established centre that incorporates specialist equipment and a simulated work environment to meet the needs of industry and apprentices in training.