

Question on Notice

No. 1714

Asked on 15 September 2016

MR PERRETT ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise how many jobs Jobs Queensland created in the electorates of Gympie and Maryborough since the passage of the government's Jobs Now Jobs Tomorrow Package through the Parliament in September last year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

Jobs Queensland is an independent statutory entity that has been established to provide strategic advice to Government on priority and emerging skills demand, future workforce planning and development, and the apprenticeship and traineeship system.

Jobs Queensland's purpose is to provide independent advice to ensure that the Government's investment in training is addressing those needs. By delivering independent advice, Jobs Queensland provides a voice for industry, the regions and the community on future skills and workforce planning and development issues.

Jobs Queensland's work is crucial in providing the Queensland economy with the highly skilled workforce we need to support growth and investment, attract new industries and secure jobs into the future.

To date, Jobs Queensland has been involved in a wide range of workforce planning, skills demand, and vocational education and training (VET) system activities. Some of these activities include:

- undertaking a project on the apprenticeship and traineeship system in Queensland. Through an investigation of what is working well, this project will result in strategic advice on the apprenticeship and traineeship system following significant consultation with industry;
- leading development of a workforce plan for the tourism industry as part of the Advancing Queensland Tourism Strategy;
- having responsibility for the oversight of the National Disability Insurance Scheme workforce strategy for Queensland;
- working with industry and regional stakeholders to provide feedback to the Department of Education and Training regarding the draft Queensland VET Quality Framework;
- leading workforce planning and development for priority government projects under Advance Queensland industry Roadmaps, including Advanced Manufacturing and Aerospace; and
- membership of the Skills Development Pathways Committee to support the development and implementation of effective workforce training needs for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

In addition to this immediate body of work, Jobs Queensland is developing a model to examine future skills needs in particular industries and regions and has also engaged with a large number of industry stakeholders, including Energy Skills Queensland, Master Electricians Australia, Construction Skills Queensland, Queensland Resources Council, Motor Trades Association of Queensland and other industry and employee bodies.

Jobs Queensland's role is to support employment by ensuring our investment in training is directed to where there are skills needs and that Queensland has a skilled workforce ready to meet future demands.

The Palaszczuk Government came to office with jobs as our number one priority.

We had inherited an unemployment rate of 6.6%, after three years of the former Government which had seen 30,000 Queenslanders made jobless, including 14,000 public servants.