

Question on Notice

No. 2153

Asked on 10 November 2016

MR WALKER ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Strategic Training Asset Management Plan (STAMP) process underway in the department—

Will the Attorney-General advise when a decision about the future of the Mt Gravatt TAFE campus will be made publicly available, in light of the options presented by DETE staff at the STAMP stakeholder meeting at Mt Gravatt TAFE in May this year which included student accommodation, housing development and the sale of assets?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

Under the 'Rescuing TAFE' initiative, the Palazczuk Government is delivering a 10-year strategic plan for the state's training infrastructure (the Plan). The future of the Mount Gravatt site is being considered as part of the development of this Plan, which is taking into consideration over 40 training assets of varying condition, age and size across the State.

The Plan is being developed in consultation with key stakeholders, and will consider the views of local communities expressed through consultation, including sessions such as the one conducted at Mount Gravatt.

It is important we take the time to appropriately consider the views of our communities.

As the member would be aware, it is through training and skills opportunities that we often see improved employment outcomes.

The Plan seeks to work toward outcomes that go to reverse the impacts of the Queensland Training Assets Management Authority (QTAMA), and provide contemporary, fit for purpose and appealing facilities for all students across the State, and restore TAFE as the premium provider of vocational education and training in Queensland.

Therefore, providing a framework that delivers long term facility management, while also ensuring we have the appropriate facilities needed to give Queenslanders access to training and skills opportunities, is a key part of our Government's commitment to increasing jobs.