

Question on Notice

No. 2336

Asked on 1 December 2016

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the potential lease of the empty and unused TAFE building at the Gympie Education Precinct to the University of the Sunshine Coast, which previous Questions on Notice to the Attorney-General established was contingent on the release of a 10-year Strategic Infrastructure Plan, which was to be implemented from July 2016 (ref media release of 21 May 2015) but for which a draft plan is now to be released for further consultation—

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) what date she will release the plan and (b) the anticipated timeline for the further consultation, and final decision, after the release of the draft plan?

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 TAFE facilities located in Gympie 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 the view put forward by the University of the Sunshine Coast.

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.

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.