

Question on Notice

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MR T NICHOLLS ASKED ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Inala TAFE campus—

Will the Attorney-General outline (a) how many students are currently enrolled at this campus, (b) how many students were enrolled at this campus in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, (c) the number of courses currently offered at the campus, (d) the number of courses offered at the campus in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, (e) the current student capacity of the campus and (f) the student capacity of the campus in 2015 and 2016?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I am advised TAFE Queensland South West's Inala campus will have an estimated total of 920 students to be enrolled in total during 2017. The campus had 622 students enrolled during 2012 with 700 in 2013, 727 in 2014, 778 in 2015 and 845 in 2016.

There will be up to 15 courses planned for delivery in 2017. During 2012–2013 there were seven courses available at the Inala campus, which grew to nine in 2014, 11 in 2015 and 13 in 2016.

As a result of the increase in student numbers and courses, the campus experienced overcrowding issues and some classes were held in offsite locations to alleviate pressure.

The Queensland Government recognised this significant growth in student numbers and training activity at the campus and has invested \$3.4 million to increase the teaching spaces at this campus. The new expansion, officially opened earlier this year, includes 10 new classrooms, an extra 65 carparks and new toilet facilities, and has boosted the student capacity from 292 to 552 students.

TAFE Queensland South West's Inala campus offers courses with student intakes throughout the year, with course offerings focusing on English classes for refugees and migrants and training for job seekers.