

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on 15 November 2018

MS F SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the performance of Jobs Queensland—

Will the Minister detail (a) the cost of the recently published *Anticipating Future Skills: Jobs growth and alternative futures for Queensland to 2022* report, (b) the agency expenditure of the previous financial year and (c) the budget allocation for this financial year?

ANSWER:

(a) Costs of the recently published *Anticipating Future Skills: Jobs growth and alternative futures for Queensland to 2022* report.

The role of jobs Queensland is to provide advice to the Minister for Training and Skills on anticipated skills needs for industries and regions.

The *Anticipating Future Skills: Jobs growth and alternative futures for Queensland to 2022* report presented ground-breaking research that looks at the economic modelling of future employment trends across all industries and regions of Queensland. The report combines economic modelling with scenario planning to project the state's workforce at the state, regional, industry and occupational levels. and will help businesses to plan for their future, ensuring they have the skilled workforce, assisting their business to continue to grow, now and into the future.

The project involved the development by Jobs Queensland of a number of plausible future scenarios in consultation with stakeholders around Queensland. Economic modelling of those three scenarios was undertaken.

Those scenarios of technological change, a changing workforce and an external impact of fluctuations in commodity prices, are directly relevant to the role of Jobs Queensland in providing advice on anticipated skills needs for industries and regions.

The report identifies a number of key findings, including that employment in Queensland is projected to increase by between 7.6 and 9.3% by 2022 regardless of the scenarios used in the analysis, and that under each scenario the largest group of qualified workers are projected to possess certificate level qualifications.

Interactive online data tools have been made available free from the Jobs Queensland website for all Queensland industries and regions. These tools will be of enormous assistance for businesses, government and regional economic development groups to plan workforce skills and training needs and investment.

Total costs associated with the Anticipating Future Skills Project as at 31 October 2018 are outlined below:

Anticipating Future Skills Project Expenses	Costs
2017–18	\$435,133
2018–19 (as at 31.10.18)	\$34,374
TOTAL COSTS	\$469,507

(b) Total Jobs Queensland expenditure from the 2017–18 Financial Year was \$5.005M.

(c) The Budget allocation for Jobs Queensland for the 2018–19 Financial Year is \$11.975M.