

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR R MOLHOEK ASKED MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON S FENTIMAN)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what plans are in place for the Southport TAFE Campus at Hebb Street, now that the Commonwealth Games Corporation is due to exit the campus?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southport for his question.

This Government recognises the value of investing in quality training infrastructure for Queensland communities to access TAFE Queensland's premium vocational education and training services now and into the future.

In November 2017, the Queensland Government announced the *Advancing Our Training Infrastructure* (AOTI) election commitment to deliver up to \$85 million over three years to modernise several priority training facilities. The commitment to revitalise Queensland's training infrastructure represents the most significant capital investment in the state's training portfolio within the last 10 years and includes \$15 million to modernise training infrastructure in the Gold Coast region.

The Ashmore campus located on Hebb Street will be considered as part of the Gold Coast region plan to capitalise on the Commonwealth Games Corporation's (GOLDOC) investment in buildings at the Ashmore campus.

Alongside the AOTI commitment and recognising the economic relevance of trades on the Gold Coast, \$1.5 million has been allocated in the 2018-19 State Budget to fund the redevelopment of the former GOLDOC headquarters into an industry-grade electrical training facility. A further \$500,000 has been allocated to upgrade the carpentry and wet trades training facilities at the campus.

The design work for the \$2 million in upgrades is to commence in July 2018, with works scheduled for completion by 30 June 2019.

The trade facility upgrades at the Ashmore campus is set to benefit the 1600 electro technology, air-conditioning and refrigeration trade students currently attending the campus.

The works will enable the campus to meet anticipated demand for trade training on the Gold Coast, allowing TAFE Queensland to expand into additional night and

weekend class offerings, as well as greater flexibility in teaching methods and hours of study.

The Palaszczuk Government has demonstrated that it is committed to revitalising training infrastructure to support world class training and skills development in Queensland.