

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 412

asked on 28 March 2019

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the actual final expenditure for Jobs Queensland for 2016-17 to 2017-18 (reported separately by year) and the allocated budget for the forward estimates until 2021-22 (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

The actual expenses for 2016-17 and 2017-18 and the budget allocations for 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 are as follows:

Year	
2016-17 – actual final expenditure	\$2.827M
2017-18 – actual final expenditure	\$5.005M
2018-19 – estimated actual	\$5.400M
2019-20 – budget estimate	\$8.803M
2020-21 – budget estimate	\$8.400M
2021-22 – budget estimate	\$7.000M

The Jobs Queensland actual budget is adjusted according to workload.

Jobs Queensland was established in January 2016 and since then the work program has expanded significantly and has resulted in high quality reports and advice to Government. Outcomes have included:

- modelling of anticipated skills needs for Queensland's industries and regions;
- industry and regional workforce plans (Tourism, Advanced Manufacturing, Fraser Coast, manufacturing in Ipswich);
- a review of Apprenticeships and Traineeships; and
- research about supporting industry transitions.

All these outcomes have been achieved through the prudent expenditure of the Jobs Queensland budget.

While the Palaszczuk Government established and supports Jobs Queensland to play an important advisory role to inform our significant training and employment initiatives, I note the LNP election costing document showed the LNP planned to cut \$10 million from Jobs Queensland in 2018-19. Without any further funding commitment this would have seen Jobs Queensland abolished.