

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR M HUNT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON S FENTIMAN) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Mobile TAFE vans —

Will the Minister provide the total cost of providing the vans to date, including the initial purchase cost, the subsequent fit out cost, the operating cost and the estimated budget going forward (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

TAFE Queensland has 10 mobile vans, providing flexible training delivery directly to the workplace, including construction sites, mines and other industrial settings. The program commenced in 2015 with the purchase of three vans. The fleet has expanded in subsequent years due to the success of the program.

A mobile training solution is ensuring employers can meet both their work commitments and the training requirements of their apprentice. These vehicles service over 1,000 apprentices each year, travelling more than 20,000 kilometres across both suburban and regional areas, enabling students to undertake their training no matter where they live. This provides minimal disruption to workplaces as apprentices do not have to travel to and from a TAFE campus and are available to their employer at their work site.

These training services are unique to TAFE Queensland and ensures that as the State's largest public training provider, TAFE Queensland is delivering training which meets the needs of Queensland businesses.

The costs associated with the provision of these vans are as follows:

Total Purchase Costs	Total Fit Out Costs	Total Operating Costs to date (Rego, Insurance, Fuel, RACQ Membership)	Projected Ongoing Costs
\$320,422	\$57,298	\$73,244	approximately \$18,000 per annum