

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 55

asked on 5 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide (a) a date when the Annual VET Investment Plan for the 2019-20 financial year will be released, (b) if no plan will be released the reasons why and (c) the funding allocated to the different programs for the 2019-20 financial year (i.e. User Choice, Certificate 3 Guarantee, Higher Level Skills, Skilling Queenslanders for Work, State Contribution Grants and the Total VET Investment) (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's significant investment in skills and training for 2019–20 was published in the Queensland State Budget 2019–20, which was released on 11 June 2019. The Service Delivery Statements for the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training outlines that \$978 million is being invested in skills and training in 2019-20. This investment includes the delivery of core training programs such as User Choice, Certificate 3 Guarantee, Higher Level Skills, Skilling Queenslanders for Work and State Contribution Grants. Funding allocations for these programs are included in the total VET Investment budget and are demand driven.

Furthermore, in August 2019, the Government released the *Skills for Queensland – Great training for quality jobs* strategy, which builds on the strong foundations of Queensland's skills and training system.

Skills for Queensland highlights investment in additional initiatives that provide more innovative and flexible training opportunities for Queenslanders such as the Micro-credentialing and Higher Level Apprenticeship pilots.