# **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

# No. 1153

## asked on 12 October 2021

**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (HON D FARMER) —

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what courses are currently being delivered at the Home Hill campus of TAFE Queensland and what steps are being taken to maximise the use of the campus?

### ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to supporting TAFE Queensland as our premier public provider of VET and the largest educational institution in the state.

TAFE delivers a very wide range of courses to almost 130,000 Queenslanders from the Gold Coast to Thursday Island and out to Mount Isa, designed to meet the needs of the region.

The TAFE Queensland Burdekin (Home Hill) campus offers courses from Certificate I to Diploma level in study areas including business, engineering, hairdressing and barbering, automotive and early childhood.

In 2020-21, the Burdekin campus had a 13% increase in unique student enrolments compared to the prior year.

To maximise the use of the campus the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has recently refurbished the engineering workshop to offer students contemporary training facilities. Other facilities on campus are regularly reviewed to ensure they meet the ongoing needs of the students studying on the campus.

The Palaszczuk Government is ensuring that Queenslanders, no matter where they live, have access to high quality, free or affordable courses that will help them get the jobs now and in the future.