

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1168

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Skills for Queensland strategy that was released in August 2019—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the \$5.5m micro-credentialing pilot was undertaken, the organisations involved, and if the pilot progressed into a permanent program, (b) the outcomes of the higher-level apprenticeship pilot and (c) the number of schools or industry groups that have joined the Gateway to Industry Schools program (refreshed in the plan) in the 2020-21 financial year?

### ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to helping train and skill Queenslanders for the jobs now and in the future. Our Skills for Queensland strategy continues to help us build and skill the workforce we need to support our strong economic growth.

The \$5.5 million Micro-credentials pilot is an ongoing three-year program that runs until 30 June 2022 and has three streams as follows:

- Public provider stream delivered through TAFE Queensland (TAFEQ) and CQUniversity, as well as a partnership between TAFEQ and the Foundation for Young Australians relating to soft skills;
- Strategic partnerships in the priority industries of Tourism and the National Disability Insurance Scheme aligned with Jobs Queensland workforce planning projects and Queensland Government skilling strategies; and
- Twelve projects that were successful in a competitive funding round across a diverse range of industries (including agriculture, manufacturing, health and community services, transport, and construction).

Micro-credentials are being piloted in targeted locations and industries to inform approaches in how we skill and train Queenslanders.

A list of projects is at **Attachment 1**.

The Higher-Level Apprenticeship (HLA) Pilot is a partnership between the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training, the Australian Industry Group (AiGroup) and TAFEQ to deliver advanced skills needed by industry for the emerging fourth industrial revolution, or Industry 4.0.

The HLA Pilot was expanded to support 43 trainees, from 30, due to high demand, with intakes in Brisbane (27 trainees) and North Queensland (16 trainees). Trainees commenced in July 2020, and the HLA Pilot will run over two years.

Outcomes of the HLA Pilot will be available in late 2022 after the Pilot has completed.

GISP Services Agreements are based on the calendar year rather than a financial year to align with activity within the schooling sector. Therefore, the data requested is not available on a financial year basis.

## Attachment 1

### Full list of all agreements offered through three stages of Micro-credentialing pilots program.

| Stream                        | Applicant Name                         | Location  | Project Name   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1<br>(Public Provider)        | The Foundation for Young Australians   | South East Qld and Wide Bay Regions                                   | Enterprise Skills Micro-Credentials  |
| 1<br>(Public Provider)        | CQ University Australia                | Queensland  | Small Business Entrepreneurship  |
| 1<br>(Public Provider)        | TAFE Queensland                        | Queensland  | TAFE Queensland Micro-Credentials  |
| 2<br>(Strategic Partnerships) | Queensland Tourism Industry Council    | Queensland  | Tourism and Hospitality – Fundamental Skills for a New Decade                |
| 2<br>(Strategic Partnerships) | National Disability Services           | Queensland  | NDIS Restrictive Practice Micro Credentialing (RP – MC)                      |
| 2<br>(Strategic Partnerships) | Community Services Industry Alliance   | Queensland  | Common Induction for NDIS Workforce – Pilot Project                          |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Australian Information Industry Assn   | Brisbane  | ICT industry micro-credential pilot project                                  |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Community Housing Industry Assn Qld    | Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast, Mackay                                  | 21st Century Community Housing Credentials - Foundations for Growth          |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Cotton Australia Limited               | Regional Queensland   | Farm Skilled Queensland – Sustainable Spray Practices                        |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Energy Skills Queensland               | Springfield Lakes/other locations tbc                                 | Electric Vehicles Safety Program   |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | IUIH                                   | Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture             | IUIH Micro-credentials for Indigenous health Organisations in South East Qld |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | MEGT (Australia) Ltd                   | Gold Coast, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Central Qld | Aged Care Potential  |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Queensland Farmers' Federation         | Queensland  | Agriculture Industry Pre-Induction Micro Credential Project                  |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Queensland Trucking Association        | Queensland  | Road Freight Resilience Program  |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Queensland Water Directorate           | Queensland  | Water/Wastewater Operations Foundation Skills                                |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | TAFE Qld (Construction Models with VR) | Queensland  | Creating Construction Models with Virtual Reality                            |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | TAFE Qld (Drone Maint)                 | Queensland  | Drone Maintenance Essentials   |
| 3<br>(Funding Round)          | Weld Australia                         | Queensland  | Online Welder Training   |